

# Be the Change: A Call to Social Action

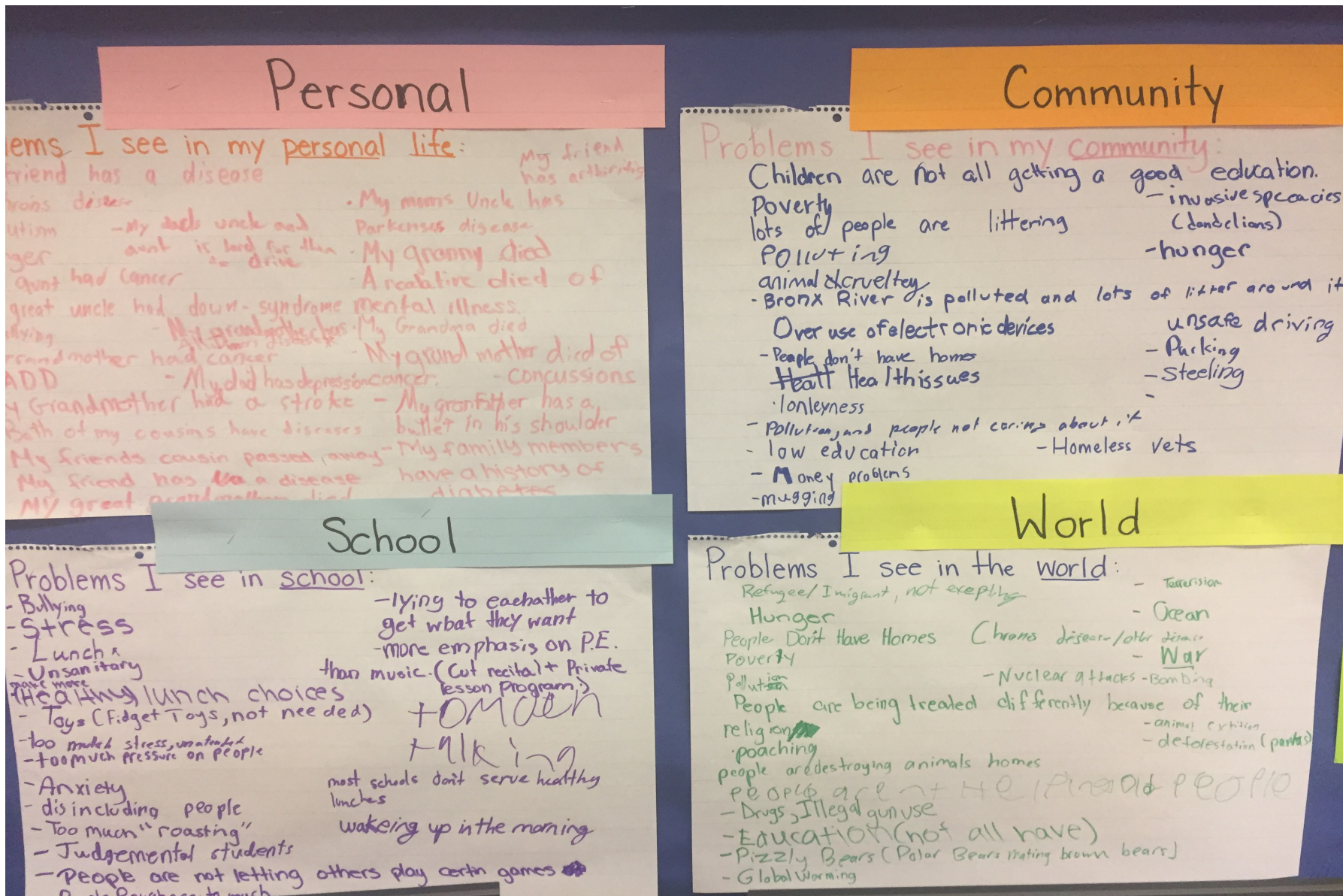
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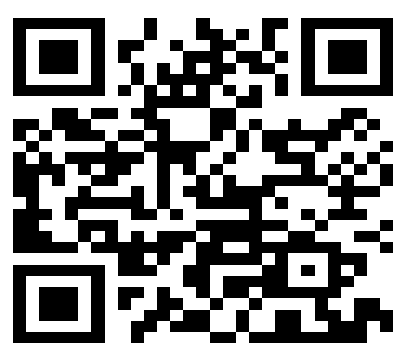
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“How can we ignite change as engaged citizens?”



## Assessment



Rubric

## Student Work



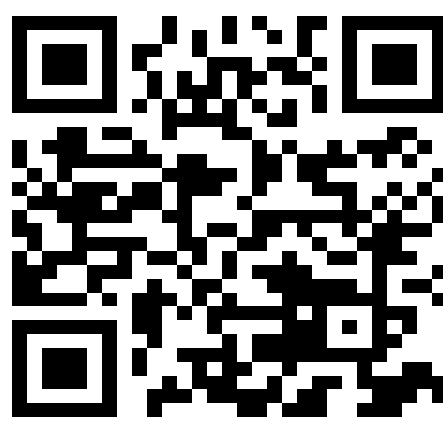
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We began this project by asking our driving question:  
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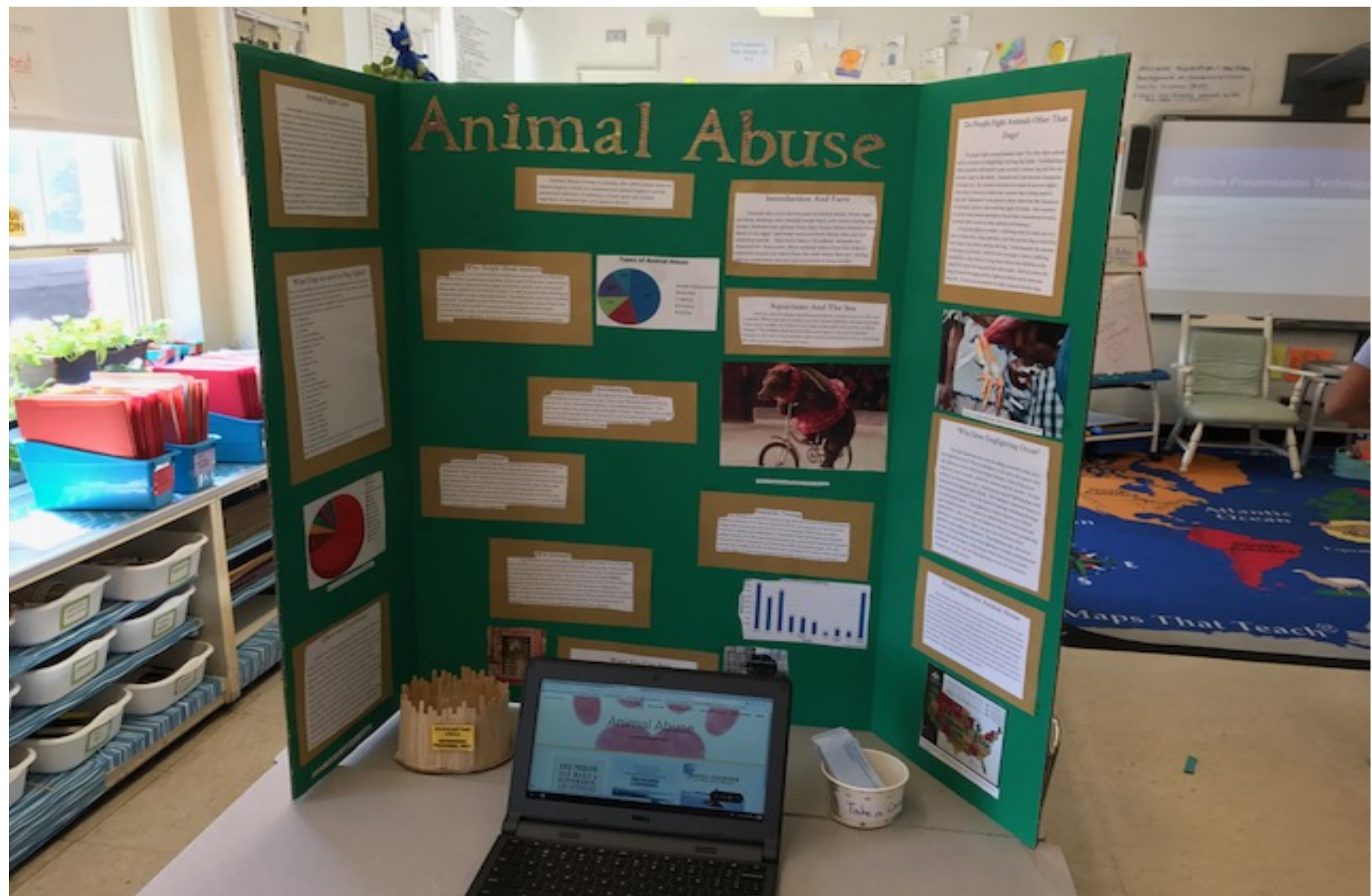
The process was launched by identifying problems that they recognized in their school, community, nation, and world. They discovered that there were many issues that they felt passionate and the teachers used the students' passion to ignite their ambition to bring awareness and make change.

Once the students identified problems, they were grouped by interest and were encouraged to research to better understand the identified problems. Students had the opportunity to interview experts and reach out to organizations that are currently helping address those issues.

Fifth graders identified a place within the issue where they could make a change after becoming experts on their problem. They brainstormed ways to engage in an effective and appropriate social action. These actions ranged from public service announcements, visits to local hospitals, creation of websites, collecting cards, and making toys for animals.



**Calendar**





# Social Action Research

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# Week 1

Introduce Driving Question- Come up with "need to know" questions

## Generate a list of problems

Identify problems they are most passionate about

Generate "need to know" questions about their specific topic

# Week 2

Begin researching problem

Reflective journal entry on what else was discovered about the issue through the research process

Introduce, "What is a social action?"

# Week 3

## Groups draft proposals for social action

Groups begin engaging in social action

Students receive feedback from peers and teachers

## Revise proposals and ideas based on feedback

# Week 4

Students organize research and build projects

## Students continued engagement in their social action

Bring all work together to plan presentations

## Plan and practice presentations for an authentic audience

Present at Inquiry Fair



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## 5th Grade