

## CULTURE AND BELONGING

**Think about how nonviolence might be a way to approach injustice today. Brainstorm some current examples of injustice.** The problems might be in your own community—for example, maybe there are homeless people living on the street—or they might be larger-scale—for example, racial profiling by police, possible workplace discrimination faced by Muslim Americans, discrimination against immigrants, LGBTQ discrimination, etc. You will choose one current injustice and put the principle of nonviolence upon it.

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1 What is nonviolence?
- 2 What is your chosen issue? Why did you choose this issue?
- 3 How effective might nonviolence be in dealing with your chosen issue?
- 4 What nonviolent strategies would you use? Why? (There is a short list below)
- 5 Would you be able to be peaceful in the face of outright hatred towards you? Explain.

### Six Principles of Nonviolence

- 1 Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.
- 2 Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.
- 3 Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying an evil-doer.
- 4 A willingness to accept suffering for the cause, if necessary, but never to inflict it.
- 5 A rejection of hatred, animosity or violence of the spirit, as well as refusal to commit physical violence.
- 6 Faith that justice will prevail.

### Nonviolent Strategies for you to consider

<b>Protest &amp; Persuasion (symbolic)</b>	<b>Noncooperation (disobedience)</b>	<b>Intervention (takes initiative)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• public speeches</li><li>• petitions</li><li>• flags, posters</li><li>• newspapers, pamphlets</li><li>• mock funerals</li><li>• parades</li><li>• vigils</li><li>• picketing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• boycotts</li><li>• refusal taxes</li><li>• slowdown strike</li><li>• sit-down strike</li><li>• resigning from job</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• nonviolent invasion</li><li>• hunger strike</li><li>• sit-ins</li><li>• overload facilities</li><li>• nonviolent sabotage</li></ul>

