

Maine Council for English Language Arts Monthly Newsletter

MCELA Matters

programs, ideas, connections



December, 2021

December is Universal Human Rights Month. December 10 is [HUMAN RIGHTS DAY](#). This year's theme is EQUALITY: Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights.

What are our basic human rights?

- 👉 [ILLUSTRATED VERSION](#)
- 👉 [SIMPLIFIED YOUTH VERSION](#) (You can also sign up to receive a free educators' resource kit on this website)
- 👉 [AUDIO VERSION](#) (In over 80 languages)

Interested in teaching about human rights in your ELA classroom?

- 👉 [Facing History and Ourselves](#)
- 👉 [Learning for Justice](#) (formerly Teaching Tolerance)
- 👉 [Amnesty International](#)

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Programming Matters - Rights

Join us for our third session of **Teachers Write**. This month we will anchor our discussion on NCTE's Position Statement: "**NCTE Beliefs about the Students' Right to Write.**" December 6 from 4:00 - 5:00 via Zoom.



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Programming Matters - other December Offerings

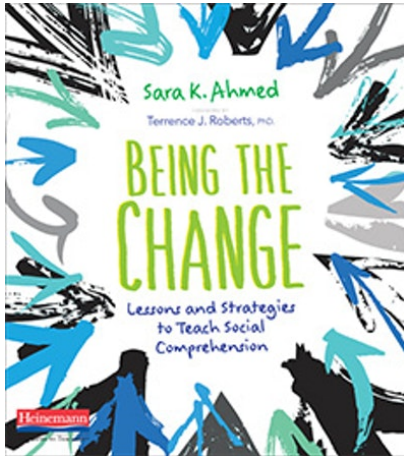
Did you attend the **NCTE Convention**? Are you as inspired by the experience as we are? Let's keep the conversation going at our **After Party** on Wednesday, December 15 from 4:00 - 5:00 via Zoom.



4:00 - 5:00 PM
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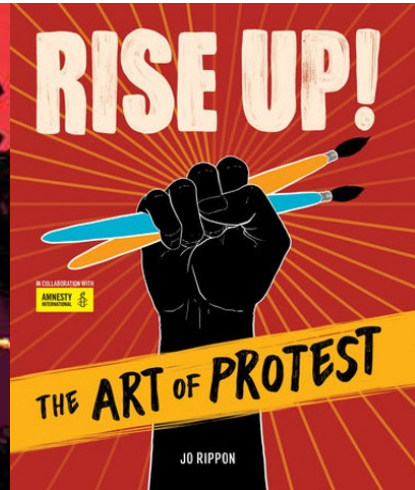
Book Matters - Rights



Being the Change is based on the idea that people can develop skills and habits to serve them in the comprehension of social issues. Sara K. Ahmed identifies and unpacks the skills of **social comprehension**, providing teachers with tools and activities that help students make sense of themselves and the world as they navigate relevant topics in today's society. (Teachers of grades 4-12)



You might be the kind of person who stands up to online trolls. Or who marches to protest injustice. Perhaps you are #DisabledAndCute and dancing around your living room, alive and proud...This anthology features fictional stories—in poems, prose, and art—that reflect a slice of the varied and limitless ways that readers like you resist every day. (Students ages 12 & up)



Human rights belong to every single one of us, but they are often under threat. Developed in collaboration with Amnesty International, *Rise Up!* encourages young people to engage in peaceful protest and stand up for freedom. Photographs of protest posters celebrate the ongoing fight for gender equality, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, refugee and immigrant rights, peace, and the environment. (Students grades 8-12)

Membership Matters - become a member!

The pandemic has forced us to change our membership structure since membership has been tied to our annual conference in the past. We are excited to announce a new membership structure that is an annual fee and covers all of our programming*

For an annual membership, we are asking for a donation of \$30.

*We will be offering an exclusive author talk in the spring that will come with an additional charge.

ALREADY A MEMBER? USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO ACCESS [MEMBERS-ONLY CONTENT](#) ON THE MCELA WEBSITE.

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