Women March @ Home
Make a Protest Sign Activity

Use these directions to make a protest sign!

Materials:
- piece of paper (any color, large size if you have it)
- writing implement (pencil, pen, etc.)
- coloring implements (color pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)

Introduction:
Protests, marches, and public demonstrations have always been an important part of the United States. Demonstrators (people attending and speaking out at marches) often carry signs to communicate their message. Have you ever attended a protest or made a sign for something you believe in? If yes, you’re already an expert! If not, here’s your chance to design something to express your opinions to your community.

Look at this example of a poster.
- What do you notice?
- What words can you read?
- What images do you see?
- What do you think this poster is saying?

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Instructions:
1. **Think about a cause or issue that is important to you.** It can be related to women’s rights, but it could also be something else. Some ideas: equal access to healthcare, better schools for all, equal pay for women, Black Lives Matter, saving the planet, etc.

2. **Make a list of words that help describe why your cause is important.** Think about why people should pay attention to the issue. How will you communicate your goals to others?

3. **Use your list of words to write a slogan (short, catchy phrase) to highlight your cause.** When people read your slogan, they should know immediately what you’re fighting for or against. For example, if you’re supporting saving the planet, you may want your slogan to be: “Go green!”

4. **Think about what image might represent your issue.** You can print out a picture, draw something, or use magazines to make a collage. Make sure the image you choose is clear and easy for others to understand. For example, if your cause is saving the planet and your slogan is “Go green!,” then you may want your image to be a big tree.

5. **Decide where you’re going to display and share your sign.** If you’re going to an in-person protest that relates to your cause, you can bring it with you to hold up! You could also choose to display it in your bedroom window for neighbors and passersby to see. If you have a front lawn or an apartment building lobby, you could also display it there. Make sure to check with a grownup before putting it in a common space like your lobby!