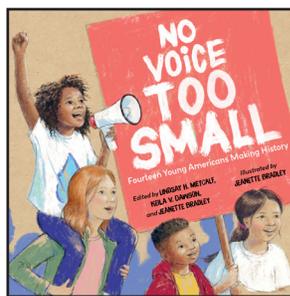


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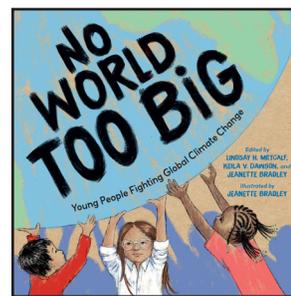
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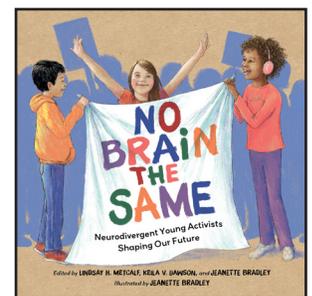
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About the Books

All three of these poetry anthologies feature all-star authors and include information about how readers can make a difference in their community.

No Voice Too Small highlights fourteen American youth activists calling for change and fighting for justice across the United States.

No World Too Big celebrates twelve international young activists and three activist groups on the front lines of the climate crisis.

No Brain the Same honors fourteen neurodivergent activists who brought change as kids and continue their work today—standing up for human rights, the planet, and their dreams.

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Discussion Guide

Use these questions to kick off classroom discussion, guide pre-thinking and post-reading responses, or inspire a writing or drawing assignment!

Poetry

1. These books contain many forms of poetry. Which form(s) are you familiar with? Were there any that were new to you? Do you have a favorite of the forms that are used?
2. Which poem is your favorite? What do you like about it?
3. *No Voice Too Small*, *No World Too Big*, and *No Brain the Same* are anthologies, meaning that each poem in the book is by a different poet. Why do you think the editors chose to collect these poems into an anthology, instead of writing all the poems themselves?
4. Have you read any of the contributing poets' other works? How are they similar or different from *No Voice Too Small*, *No World Too Big*, and *No Brain the Same*? See page 10 of this guide for a reading list.

Youth Activists

1. Have you heard of any of the activists featured in these books before? What do you know about them? How did you learn about them?
2. Why do you think *No Voice Too Small*, *No World Too Big*, and *No Brain the Same* focus on young activists and not adult activists? What are some general differences between adult versus youth activism? Do you think it's harder to be an activist as a kid or as an adult? Why?
3. Do you have a favorite activist or group of activists from *No Voice Too Small*, *No World Too Big*, and *No Brain the Same*? Why are they your favorite?

Taking Action

1. Have you joined a protest, written to legislators, or taken some other action to make a difference in your community? What was that experience like?
2. If you had a million dollars, what organization or cause would you donate it to? Why?
3. What are some ways that activists make their voices heard? Can you think of a way to use your unique talents to be an activist?
4. What are some important safety measures for activists? (For example: dressing for the weather and wearing comfortable shoes to a protest, etc.)



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Use the following prompts from *No Voice Too Small*, *No World Too Big*, and *No Brain the Same* to inspire action and involvement in your students!

No Voice Too Small

1. A catchy tune will stick with people. Set your message to music, and people will hum it all day.
2. You can break down stereotypes when you speak out—and when you listen.
3. Small change adds up. Collect coins in a container you decorate yourself. Where will you donate the money?
4. Changing laws can take a long time. Work with friends to help keep you energized.
5. Just be you. Not the you others expect—the you inside. Loving yourself can break down barriers.
6. The truth is powerful. Revealing it can change attitudes.
7. Join or organize a local charity walk to raise money and awareness for a cause you care about.
8. Leaders don't work alone. Join a group or start one to take action.
9. In your city or state, who has the power to make things change? Write them a letter and ask for what you need.
10. Speak from your heart. Focus your message on your passion, and people will listen.
11. Host a color-themed day at your school or in your community to get people thinking about a cause you care about.
12. Throw a protest party! Use music, dance, and fun to attract an audience.
13. Education changes hearts—even in adults. Research your topic and use what you learned to tell an adult why you are seeking change.
14. Break big problems into small steps. Ask others to help you take the first step.

No World Too Big

1. Start a climate club! Work together toward a small goal, then build on success.
2. Think like an Earth protector. What are some ways you can live with less to help the planet?
3. Share a song, dance, or drawing to raise climate awareness and challenge the world to stop using fossil fuels.
4. Organize a walk or bike event to raise money for an international environmental group that protects tropical rain forests.
5. Celebrate your birthday by planting a tree. Gather your friends and have a tree-planting party!
6. Stage a play about the effects of climate change. Offer action steps the audience can take.



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No World Too Big (cont'd)

7. Be a water protector. Runoff from your yard or street drains into local waterways. Learn about pollutants to avoid at home.
8. Research how climate change affects your community. Then write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
9. Hand-me-downs help the earth! Swap clothes with friends or upcycle fashion from resale shops.
10. Make your own compost! Diverting food waste from landfills keeps it from becoming methane, a powerful heat-trapping gas.
11. Start a petition to ask your school district to switch to biodiesel or electric buses.
12. Enter a science fair. What climate-change problem will you tackle?
13. Do an energy scavenger hunt with your classmates to find ways your school can save power.

No Brain the Same

1. Education is key! People learn more when you make them laugh.
2. Take pride in the unique way you learn. Ask for what you need to succeed academically.
3. Celebrate all parts of you. By being open, you help yourself while giving others courage to do the same.
4. Keep a journal to process your deep feelings.
5. Use your unique perspective to solve problems.
6. Write a poem, make art, or use movement to communicate your message.
7. Break down big goals into small tasks.
8. If you witness or experience bullying or violence, reach out to a trusted adult. Keep communicating until you see change.
9. Work with friends for social change and heal yourself in the process.
10. Create a club around shared interests to support yourself and others.
11. Sharing your struggles helps you and shows others they are not alone.
12. Representation matters. When others see you doing what you love, they know they belong, too.
13. Your voice matters. It's more important to speak up than to speak perfectly.
14. Share something you're good at with others. Invite them to see the whole you.

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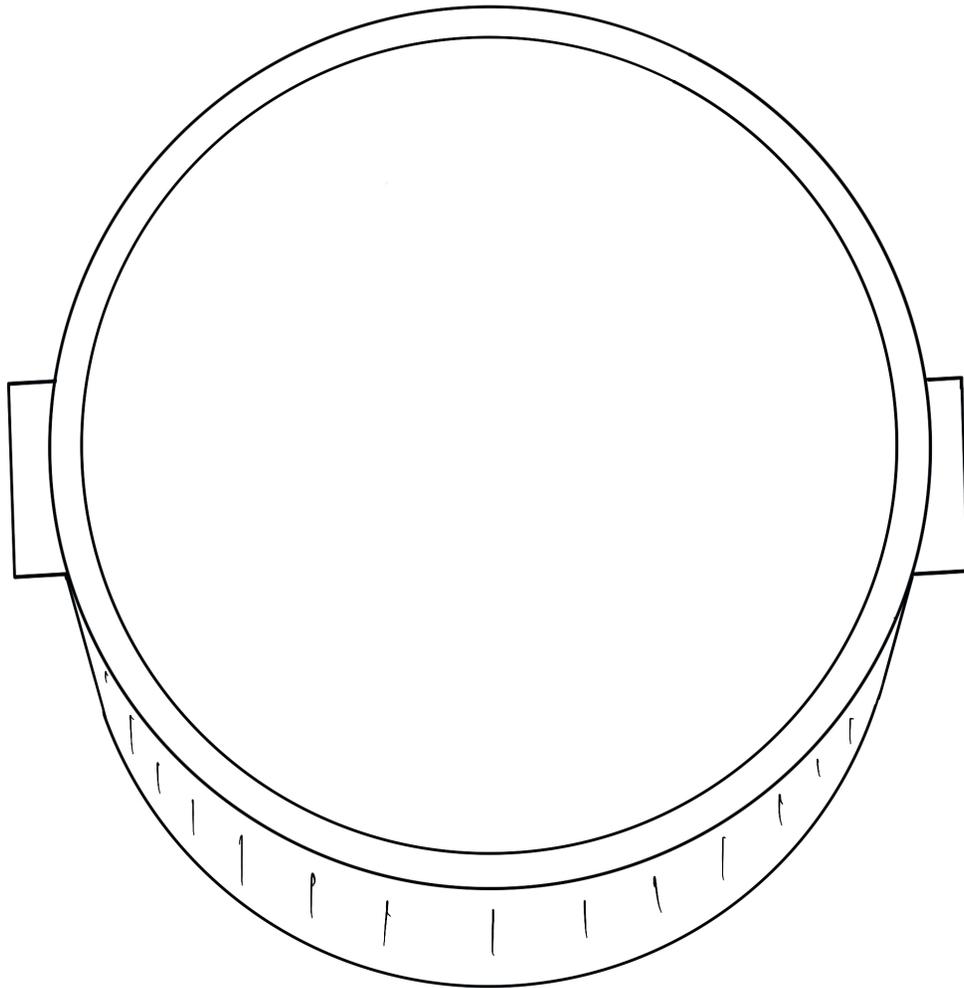
Draw A Protest Sign

Think about what message you want to send. Can you condense a challenge or call to action into a short sentence? Can you use symbols or art to help enhance your message? Brainstorm in the space below. Once you're happy with your design, draw it on a clean piece of posterboard (or on the back of this paper).

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What's in Your Trash Can? (See and Sort)

Do you know what your school is sending to the landfill after lunch? Do a trash can audit to find out! Look at the top of a cafeteria's trash can and draw what you see. What category do these objects belong in?



Compostables

Food waste, paper towels, napkins, fruit peels.

Recyclables

Plastic or glass bottles, aluminum cans, paper, cardboard.

Non-Recyclables

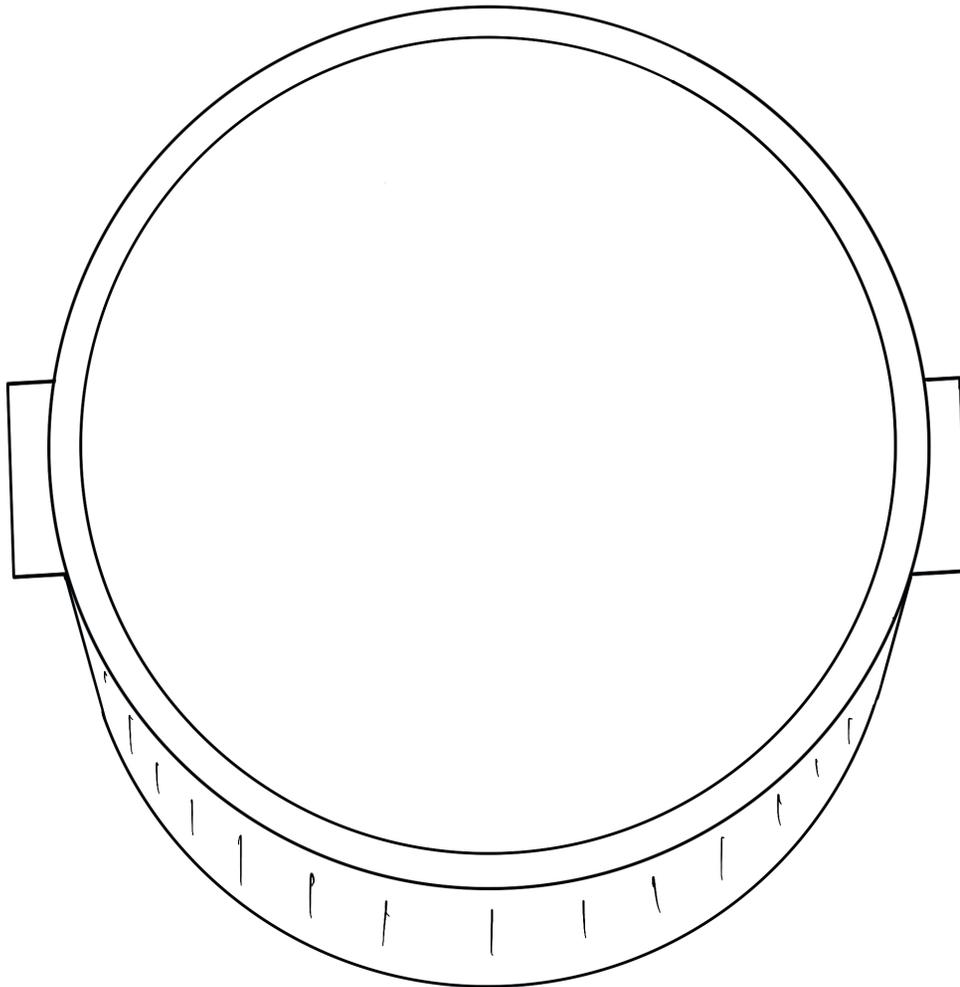
Juice boxes, plastic tableware, containers that aren't recyclable in your area (for example, some places recycle waxed paper milk containers and others don't).

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What's in Your Trash Can? (Pie Chart)

Do you know what your school is sending to the landfill after lunch? Do a trash can audit to find out! With permission and help from an adult, sort and weigh the objects in the trash can by category, then make a pie chart showing the percentage of each category.



Compostables

Food waste, paper towels, napkins, fruit peels.

Weight: _____ Percent: _____



Recyclables

Plastic or glass bottles, aluminum cans, paper, cardboard.

Weight: _____ Percent: _____



Non-Recyclables

Juice boxes, plastic tableware, containers that aren't recyclable in your area (for example, some places recycle waxed paper milk containers and others don't).

Weight: _____ Percent: _____

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Word Search

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ENERGY

MOVEMENT
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TEOTL

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Explore the Science

Use the resources below to explore key climate science concepts with your students. Recommended activities will pair especially well with *No World Too Big*, but we encourage you to explore the other activities on offer!

Games and Quizzes

American Museum of Natural History, "What Do You Know About Climate Change?" <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/climate-change/what-do-you-know-about-climate-change2>

American Museum of Natural History, "Take the Climate Quiz" <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/climate-change/take-the-climate-quiz>

IXL, "Third Grade: What's the difference between weather and climate?" <https://www.ixl.com/science/grade-3/whats-the-difference-between-weather-and-climate>

IXL, "Third Grade: Weather and climate around the world" <https://www.ixl.com/science/grade-3/weather-and-climate-around-the-world>

Jeopardy Labs, "Dobbs' 3rd Grade Weather Jeopardy" <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/dobbs-3rd-grade-weather-jeopardy>

Smithsonian Science Education Center, "Aquation: The Freshwater Access Game" <https://ssec.si.edu/aquation>

Activities and Experiments

American Museum of Natural History, "Make a Terrarium" <https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/climate-change/make-a-terrarium>

Ward's World, "Heat Things Up with this Greenhouse Effect Activity" <https://wardsworld.wardsci.com/geology-earth-science/heat-things-up-with-this-greenhouse-effect-activity>

Videos

CAFOD, "What is 'net zero'? Children's animation | CAFOD" <https://youtu.be/VqZD-mnC5Gk>

Charlesbridge Publishing, "Discover Composting with NO WORLD TOO BIG!" <https://youtu.be/MBIXEScoO6M>

Learning Junction, "Fossil Fuels | Types and Formation | Video for Kids" <https://youtu.be/iubWN1cnwls>

Smile and Learn—English, "Types of Energy for Kids - Renewable and Non-Renewable Energies" <https://youtu.be/w16-Uems2Qo>

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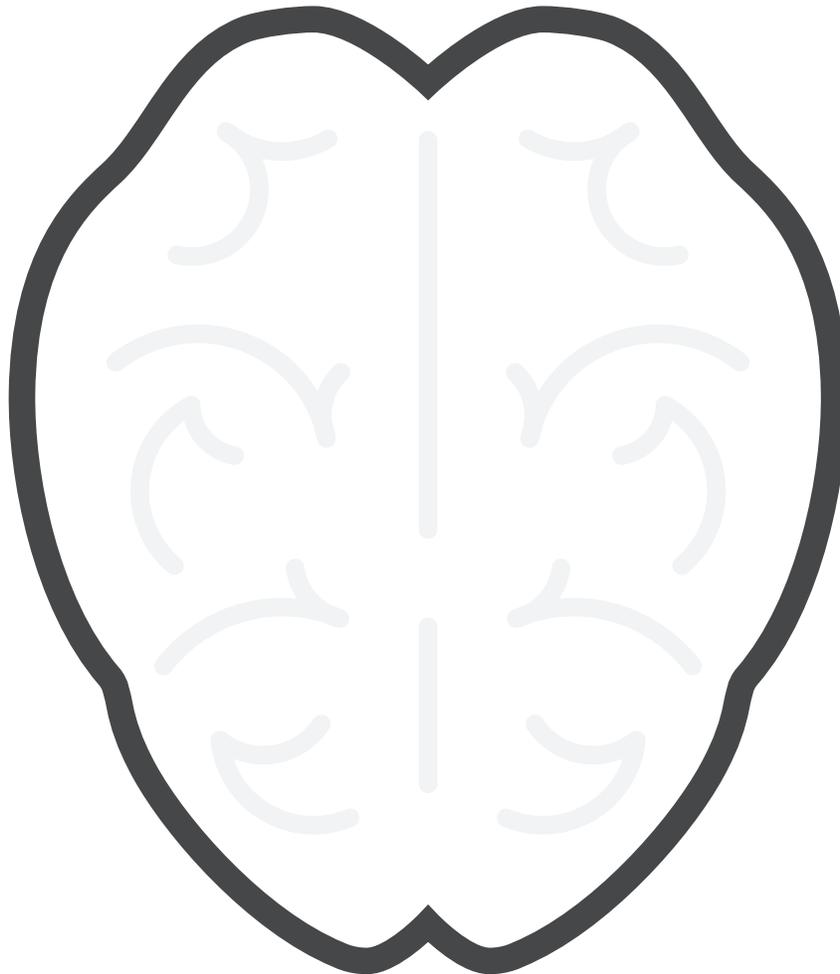
In My Brain

Name: _____

Date: _____

Inside the brain outline below, write down some things that happen in your brain
(for example: ideas, dreams, feelings).

Outside the brain outline, write down some things that happen outside your brain
(for example: the weather, other people's words, TV shows).



Talk with a friend or grown-up:

How do things happening outside your brain influence things happening inside your brain?

How about the other way around?

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More About Climate Change

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