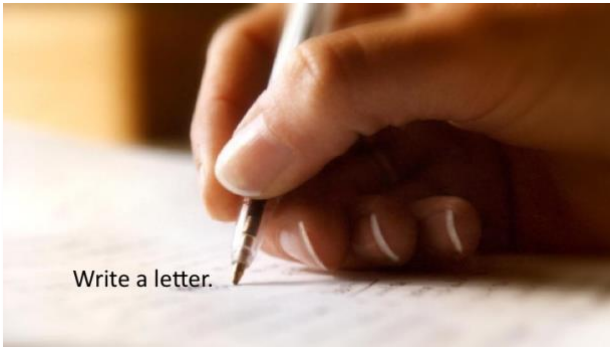




LETTERS ALOUD

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BE THE CHANGE is a live assembly program that brings to life over a dozen letters written by young people to their heroes throughout history, the responses they received, and their powerful impact on society.

An inspiring addition to any ELA, Social Studies, History or Humanities curriculum, **BE THE CHANGE** is a powerful reminder that writing one single letter can change the world.

Contents

1. **"BE THE CHANGE" Program (check out our trailer [HERE](#))**

A 35-minute, live presentation dramatizing how young people throughout history have instigated positive change by writing letters to their heroes. **BE THE CHANGE** encourages the individual agency of young people in the world by demonstrating that the writing of a single letter can have wide-ranging impact. Among the many letters in this program, **Stan Lee** makes good on a decades-old promise, a 9-year-old hoopster consults **Stephen Curry** on his shoe empire, a teenaged **Tom Hanks** tries to get "discovered", and an 11-year-old girl tells **Abraham Lincoln** to grow a beard.

2. **EDUCATOR RESOURCE GUIDE**

- Synopsis of each letter and why they were written.
- Brief history of letter writing and its continued impact.
- Breakdown of different kinds of letters that can be written. ([SAMPLE PAGE](#))
- An historical overview of the U.S. Postal Service.

3. **LESSON PLAN**

- In-depth study guide to the **BE THE CHANGE** video.
- Detailed workshop in which students will be guided to write a handwritten letter to their "hero", in the hopes of affecting change. ([SAMPLE PAGE](#))



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Topics Covered

Civil Rights, anti-bullying, racial profiling, teenage depression, perseverance, following your bliss, and how to get a certain beloved U.S. President to grow out his beard.

Curriculum Standards

BE THE CHANGE is aligned with Common Core State Standards in ELA and Literacy in History, Social Studies, as well as state standards in performing arts.

Live (or Virtual) Program

- A live (or livestreamed Zoom) presentation of **BE THE CHANGE** for your entire school (or selected classes) hosted by Letters Aloud Founder Paul Morgan Stetler
- A combination of pre-recorded video, along with **selected letters being read by students and teachers/faculty in real time.**
- A lively Q&A with founder Paul after the show.
- Optional step-by-step Lesson Plan (including graphic organizer)
- Educator Resource Guide (including discussion questions and historical backgrounds)
- Document with transcripts of each letter in the program, should teachers wish to have students read them aloud in class.