

### Plan:

- What issue can benefit from your Crew's petition?
- What level of government is responsible?
- What rules pertain to your petition?
- How will you word your petition? What action would you like to see the government take on the issue? What research and fact finding would give more power to your petition?
- How will you promote your petition to gather signatures?

### Do:

- Draft and promote your petition.
- Submit your petition and follow its progress.
- Update signatories on the result of the petition, favourable or unfavourable.

### Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did the government act with regard to your call for action?
- How did people respond to your issue? Why do you think they responded this way?

### Safety note:

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### The Adventure:

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