In Elie Wiesel’s 1986 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, he lamented: “Who could allow such crimes to be committed? How could the world remain silent?” Part of Wiesels’ motivation for writing Night was to keep the memory alive. “Because if we forget, we are guilty, we are accomplices.” Elie Wiesel swore **“never to be silent whenever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides**. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” He also believes that “one person of integrity can make a difference.”

**in·jus·tice**

noun

1. violation of the rights of others; unjust or unfair action or treatment.

2. an unjust or unfair act; wrong.

**eth·i·cal**

Adjective

1. pertaining to or dealing with morals or the principles of morality; pertaining to right and wrong in conduct.

**mor·al**

Adjective

1. of, pertaining to, or concerned with the principles or rules of right conduct or the distinction between right and wrong; ethical: moral attitudes.

**DIRECTIONS:** Your job is to pick an **INJUSTICE** in the world, whether it is an example of global injustice, one occurring primarily in the United States, an injustice prevalent in Oregon, or one in your own community.

* This should be a problem/issue that you are passionate about.
* This should be a problem/issue that goes beyond you, personally, and connects to a larger societal issue.

**STEP 1: Brainstorm**

Think about issues/problems in the world that really bother you and make you angry. What issues of “suffering and humiliation” need to be addressed?

Brainstorming:

**Make a list:**

* Homophobic language and discrimination
* Bullying or cyber-bullying
* Immigration
* Use of the “N” word in music
* Exploitation of women
* Discrimination of overweight individuals

-Or-

**Make a web**

**WORLD**

**Community**

**OREGON**

**United**

**States**

-OR-

Any other brainstorming technique that works for you:

**STEP 2: Concept Map (Generate-Sort-Connect-Elaborate: Concept Maps)**

* *Generate* a list of ideas and initial thoughts that come to mind when you think about your injustice/issue/problem.
* *Sort* your ideas according to how important they are. The most important ideas start in the center of the page and then move outward in relation to its relevance.
* *Connect* your ideas by drawing connecting lines between the ideas that have something in common. Explain and write on the line in a short sentence how the ideas are connected.
* *Elaborate* on any of the ideas or thoughts you have written so far by adding new ideas that expand, extend, or add to your initial ideas.