

Eight Great Steps

1. **Choose a Problem**
Think of a problem in your community or a subject you have studied in school. It's not hard to find a problem. The hard part is selecting *ONE* on which to focus.
2. **Do Your Research**
Survey people in your school/community to find out how they feel about the problem. Contact local agencies to discover the facts about the problem.
3. **Brainstorm Possible Solutions and Choose ONE**
Brainstorm ways you might solve the problem. Select the solutions that seem the most possible and which will have the most impact.
4. **Get Group Support**
Find people who agree to help solve the problem. You will create a working team.
5. **Advertise**
Think of ways to get your message (problem and solution) out to the public. TV, radio, local newspapers are good sources and sometimes allow free advertising for a good cause.
6. **Raise Money or Resources**
Raise funds or collect resources to support your project.
7. **Carry Out Your Solution**
After advertising and collecting donations, complete the solution by **ACTING**.
8. **Evaluate**
Ask questions like:
Are there any parts of the solution that need changing?
Are we making a difference?
What went right or wrong?

