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21W.011: Introductory Exercise

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**WRITE FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. USE BACK IF NECESSARY.**

People address contemporary social problems, such as homelessness, climate change and gender inequality in a variety of ways, e.g., running for office, campaigning and voting for candidates and parties, forming social movement and nonprofit organizations, protesting individually and collectively, volunteering for causes and donating time, resources and money/fundraising.

Why WRITE about social and ethical issues/problems such as poverty, homelessness, climate change or ethnic/racial discrimination?

What are the benefits for the **writer**?

What are the benefits for **readers**?

**Note:** After completing this exercise, students will discuss these questions in pairs for 5-7 minutes. After this short discussion, each person will introduce his/her partner to the class based on this exercise.

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