

Shaping America: Protest

A protest is a way to object to particular events, policies, or situations using words and/or actions. There are many ways to protest, from making individual statements to participating in mass demonstrations. Much of the way that our country is today was shaped by the political protests of generations of people who came before us. Americans hold dear their ability to publicly protest things with which they do not agree, as part of their right to free speech.

DIRECTIONS: Use a computer to research one of the famous protests below. Use the computer to type an essay explaining what led to the protest, what form the protest took, and how it impacted the world we live in today. Then fill in the illustration with slogans that are appropriate for the protest you wrote about. These can be slogans you found in your research, or something that you made up, as long as it is relevant.

- The Boston Tea Party, 1773
- Civil Rights March on Washington, 1963
- Moratorium Against the Vietnam War, 1969

