

## **Why do people rebel against system of government, society and authority figures?**

### **ARE YOU A REBEL BY NATURE ???**

- (1) What do you think about when you hear the word "protests" „rebellions” „revolutions”?
- (2) Is it good or bad to protest/rebel?
- (3) What protests are happening around the world right now? Do you agree with them?
- (4) How should the government/police/army deal with protestors?
- (5) How have protests changed the history of different countries?
- (6) Why do protests usually start ? typical reasons?
- (7) What things do you need to take on a protest?
- (8) How many different things can you do to protest?
- (9) Is there a better way than protesting to make your voice heard?
- (10) Can a protest by one person be as powerful as a protest by a million?

- (1) What would you protest about?
- (2) What would your parents think if they saw you on TV news protesting?
- (3) Are protestors heroes?
- (4) How do things like Twitter and Facebook help protests?
- (5) What are the dangers in protesting?
- (6) What are the dangers in not protesting?
- (7) Do you think governments worry about protests?
- (8) What do police officers think about when they are policing a protest?
- (9) Is a protest better online or on the streets?
- (10) What are the biggest protests in (recent) history?

Rebellion!

#### Activity 1

Discuss with your partner what the following words mean.

demonstration revolution rebellion riot march assassination

#### Activity 2

Complete the sentences below with the correct word from Activity 1. You will need to use one word twice.

1. ....: is when ordinary people take up arms and fight against the governing authorities in a country.
2. ....: is when a crowd of people becomes violent, attacks the police and burns cars, etc.
3. ....: is when there are lots of bright colours all together. For example, in a garden.
4. ....: is when people forcibly remove the governing authorities and replace them with a new regime.
5. ....: is the murder of a very important political, religious or royal leader.
6. ....: is when members of the public get together and march (with banners, etc.) to protest against something or to express strongly held opinions.
7. ....: is when members of the public get together and walk along roads to express protest.

#### Activity 3

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Do people in your country often hold marches and demonstrations? Why/not?
2. Have you ever been on a march or attended a demonstration? What was it about?
3. Do you think people should have the right to organise marches and hold demonstrations? Why/not?
4. Have there been any riots in your country recently? What were they about? Was the problem resolved?
5. How do you think governments should deal with riots?
6. What do you think are the most famous revolutions in history? What did they achieve?
7. Do riots, rebellions, etc. ever achieve any real change?
8. Can revolutions ever be peaceful?
9. Which famous figures have been assassinated in your lifetime?
10. Do you think anything has changed in the world as a result of these assassinations?
11. What famous historical assassinations do you know about? Did any of them change the course of history, in your opinion?
12. Do you think assassination can ever be justified?
13. If you were sent back in time to assassinate somebody, who would it be?
14. What precautions can high-profile politicians and monarchs etc. take to avoid being assassinated?

And some more questions to discuss..... (if we have enough time)

## **YOU AS YOUNG REBELS**

**What causes young people to rebel against authority figures/governments?**

**What are some psychological reasons a child or teenager may rebel against authority figures and dislike school?**

**What causes teenagers to rebel against authority figures?**

**Why do people rebel against authority figures?**

**Why is rebelling against authority seen as cool?**

Watch and discuss the videos:

It's Good to Be a Rebel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPlkW3NoHGU>

The Most Rebellious Personality Types - MBTI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDhCblazzUA>

