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We are living during a critical time in the story of humankind. Although we have developed the capacity to exterminate ourselves and all other living things, we're also living during an age where we hold the power to prosper in ways that would have been unimaginable only a century ago.

Soon we will have even more say in how the world is shaped. Our futures can be bright, if we decide to meet the needs of our communities in ways that benefit the greater good.

We can make the world a better place! And just in case there is any doubt, we should look back. Our history is filled with stories of social injustices being challenged. Today, we venture across time and space, to visit a cast of heroes and see how their courage and determination changed our world forever.

We begin in Rochdale, England. Welcome, everyone, to 1844...

(group one performs)

We now surge ahead to the early 1900s and cross the Atlantic Ocean to find a desperate situation in Canada's Maritime region...

(group two performs)



(group three performs)

Now, we go to a little town in Spain, where a priest was working to save their war-torn village in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War...

(group four performs)

Finally, we fast-forward to modern-day Saskatchewan, where we learn that access to nourishing and healthy foods is not just a problem of the past...

(group five performs)

In closing, my fellow classmates and friends, I hope that we can stand together, work together, and conquer any obstacle, injustice, or oppression we may experience. We don't have to wait for someone else, we can change our lives for the better by working together as we've seen in these examples.