



## Maggie's Civics Corner

### Lesson #36 - Protesting

#### Maggie Says...

*One of the great things about living in America is that the Constitution gives you the right to protest. If you don't like something that the government is doing, you can say that you don't like it and you can ask the government to change it – that's protesting.*

*Today's lesson is about **Protesting**. When we go to our local dog park, we still have to be on a leash even when we're inside the park. That's the rule that our community has. But I don't like this rule very much – I think it's okay for us to be without a leash when we're inside the dog park. I want to protest this rule. I want to tell my local government officials what I think, and I want to ask them to change the rules. They might not end up changing the rule, but either way, I want to make my voice heard and talk to people about this issue.*

**Sticky Situation:** Imagine that your school decided to make school start an hour earlier than it does right now. If you do not like this change, what could you do to protest the change and make your voice heard? Think about who you might want to talk to – your parents? A teacher? The principal? The superintendent? The mayor of your community? Also think about how you could protest. What are the best ways to get your message across to other people? What would you do to help make people understand why you feel the way you do, and to change their minds?

**Activity:** Watch the news or go online and search about protests to learn about protests that have really happened. Pick a protest, and watch or read a little about it. Then, try to figure out – who is protesting? Why are they protesting? Did anything change because of their protest? Do you think that their protest makes sense? Afterwards, share what you have learned with a friend or a family member – what do they think about the protest you learned about?

**Civics Resources:** Check out the sites below for more information about protesting

<https://teachrock.org/lesson/protest-as-event/>

[https://www.civicsrenewalnetwork.org/resources/?fwp\\_resourcesearch=civil%20rights%20movement](https://www.civicsrenewalnetwork.org/resources/?fwp_resourcesearch=civil%20rights%20movement)