

JUSTICE

Makes a Difference



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A BOOK DISCUSSION GUIDE

for *Justice Makes a Difference: The Story of Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire*
by Dr. Artika R. Tyner

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

It is said that you cannot be what you cannot see. The warm and inspirational story of *Justice Makes a Difference*, guides children along the path of seeing the possible. Seeing the possible both creates hope and positions us to fulfill our dreams. And in turn, bends the moral arc towards justice.

-Justice Alan C. Page

Minnesota Supreme Court (Retired)

Founder, Page Education Foundation

Justice Makes a Difference is my kind of a book: A journey through ideas about the many ways we fight for justice. It can be through writing, through music, through building community, through political action, or through directly challenging unjust systems. Along the way, we are introduced to Ida B. Wells, Paul Robeson, Wangari Maathai, Shirley Chisholm, Charles Hamilton Houston, and Ella Baker. A beautiful weaving together of story and meaningfulness.

-Innosanto Nagara

Author, *A is for Activist*, *Counting on Community*

A child's guide to the beginning steps of becoming a superhero. Written in part by the history of real-life heroes who fought for equality for all.

-Krystal Kara

Be Super Initiative

When you share *Justice Makes a Difference* with a young reader, you know the title will live up to its name. Thoughtfully weaving history with the self-discovery of a girl's journey to become a leader--this beautiful story is replete with opportunities to teach and guide our youth.

-Cole W. Williams

Author, Poet & River Advocate Nautilus Book Award Recipient

An inspiring book every child should read. To maintain a society built on justice each of us must understand what the principles of justice are and whose shoulders we stand on. Each generation must work to prevent the erosion of our human and civil rights. Dr. Tyner's book teaches us an important lesson!

-Judge LaJune Lange, ret

President of LTL International Leadership Institute



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Justice read about Paul Robeson. He sang freedom songs in more than twenty different languages.

- ★ **How many languages do you speak?**
What new languages would you like to learn?

Justice always spent time with her grandmother. Her grandmother taught Justice new things during each visit.

- ★ **What lessons have you learned from your grandparents or another community elder?**

Justice enjoyed spending time at her grandmother's home. She was very excited to read her grandmother's books in the den.

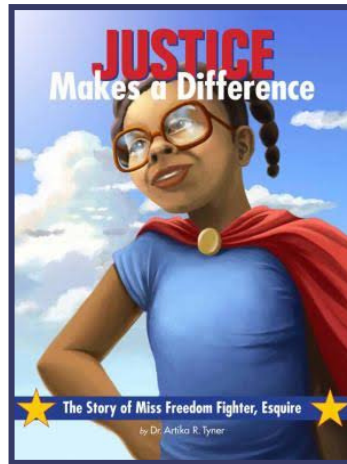
- ★ **When you visit your family, what is your favorite room or thing to do at your family's home?**

Justice brought the community together like Dr. Wangari Maathai and started a community garden.

- ★ **Would you like to learn to grow the food you eat?**
What would be your favorite foods to grow?

After reading *Justice Makes a Difference*, how can you make a difference in your family and your classroom?

ABOUT THE BOOK



“Words are powerful,” Grandma told Justice. “They can be used in powerful ways to do good or to do harm. That’s why it’s important to always be careful with your words.” Justice has grown up witnessing the many ways her grandma serves the community. She wants to make a difference in the world, too, but how? Isn’t she too young?

Through conversations with her grandma and their shared love of books, Justice learns about important women and men throughout history who changed the world: Ella Baker, Shirley Chisholm, Charles Hamilton Houston, Dr. Wangari Maathai, Paul Robeson, and Ida B. Wells. Justice learns how each leader was a champion for advancing justice and improving the world, and she dreams of becoming a change maker, too—“Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire,” a superhero with a law degree and an afro!

Written by Dr. Artika R. Tyner and Jacklyn Milton, passionate educators and community advocates, *Justice Makes a Difference* is the inspiring story of one little girl’s realization that her name is her destiny.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Dr. Artika R. Tyner (a.k.a. Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire) is a passionate educator, award-winning author, civil rights attorney, sought after speaker, and advocate for justice who is committed to helping children discover their leadership potential and serve as change agents in the global community.

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