**How to create a successful petition**

1. **Do your background research.**
	* Using the resources suggested by your teacher as well as the library and your own research find a topic that you are passionate about in a country affected by conflict.
2. **Write a strong petition title.**
	* Create a petition title that clearly explains the goal using strong action verbs.
3. **Write a petition statement.**
	* What are you asking supporters to agree with and sign their name in support of?
	* What does your petition hope to achieve?
	* Who is the target recipient of your petition?
	* State your objective in clear, concise language.
	* Use persuasive language to highlight the urgency of your issue.
	* Describe your proposed solution.
	* Describe whom the petition will be delivered to and the date of delivery (if applicable).
4. **Include a photo** that helps to represent the problem that your petition addresses.
5. **Spreading the word.**
	* How can you spread awareness about your petition.
	* How are you going to get people to find the petition and sign it?
	* Who is your target audience?
6. **Set a goal for the number of signatures you would like to gather.**
	* Set a deadline for signatures to be collected by.
	* Keep the time frame short enough to create a sense of urgency and to get people to act quickly.
7. **Does your idea already exist?**
	* Search online petitions to see if your cause already exists.
	* These may help you too
	* [Avaaz](http://www.avaaz.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self) and [Care2](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self)