

The Grapes of Wrath
“Points of Light” Assignment

Steinbeck advocates the theory that individuals can make a difference in eliminating world problems by doing what they can to correct/solve the problem. Each person has the potential to impact the world.

Cite specific examples from the novel that support this idea of the potential influence of the individual. Give examples of how this is true today, how individuals--the power of one--can solve contemporary problems.

Complete one of the following and be prepared to share it with the class:

1. A Research Project (oral or written) using both primary sources such as interviews and timely secondary sources such as current magazine articles to explore how one problem is being solved today.
2. An Original Poem or Short Story demonstrating how a world problem can be solved.
3. A Notebook/Scrapbook containing at least twenty current newspaper articles (original articles cut out and mounted artistically on colored paper) about people in the world acting unselfishly to help others (each page should also include two or three sentences of commentary).
4. A Video of at least five San Antonians doing various helpful things unified with a narrated introduction and detailed commentary on the impact of the activities.