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   Answers will vary but might include the hope of getting action taken, making Presidents aware of the troubles of young Americans, etc.

_Suggested Additional Vocabulary: initial, sideburns_