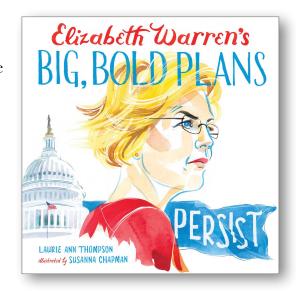
Your Big, Bold Plan

If you have read the picture book biography, **Elizabeth Warren's Big, Bold Plan** (Atheneum Books for Young Readers), you will know that since she was in grade school, Elizabeth Warren has had one big bold plan after another. It was not always the same plan, but each plan either:

- a) made herself better (education) or
- b) made other people's lives better (advocacy).

Do you have a big, bold plan? Do you have something you want to learn to do? Is there a project you want to make? Is there something you want to have happen in your home, neighborhood, school, town, or the big world?



Start with a plan. A big, bold one.

How do you do that? Author Laurie Ann Thompson is going to help. She has many big plans and books including the book **Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters** (Simon Pulse). These are her suggestions for getting started...

Make a Book

When you have a Big, Bold Plan, it does not have to be in a Big, Bold book. In fact, it is great to have your plan in a small book that you can keep in your pocket. If it is in a pocket, you can pull it out and look at it again and again. Let's make that small book.

- Turn to page 3 to grab the template.
- Turn to page 4 to find out how to make the template into a book with some magic cuts and folds.

Make a Big, Bold Plan

Do you need to have your whole plan figured out? No! Can the plan change at any time? Yes! Think back to the book **Elizabeth Warren's Big, Bold Plan**. Elizabeth's plan changed many times. In fact, you can make and remake this book every time you have a new idea or the plan changes. Go to CuriousCityDPW.com and search "big bold plan" to find a fresh book template to print out.

Your Big, Bold Plan

Here's how to get your Big, Bold Plan started:

Cover:

Write your name above Big, Bold Plan. Add an 's to your name to make this plan completely yours.

Pages 1-2: BRAINSTORM

Use the space on these two pages to brainstorm and explain your plan. Draw, write, or doodle. Note any questions you may have.

Page 3: WHY?

Why is your plan important to you? Writing it down helps you stay motivated.

Page 4: STEPS

Break it down. What steps will you need to take to make your plan happen? Start at either end and work towards the middle.

Page 5: OBSTACLES

Who or what might stop you? List any obstacles that might get in the way.

Page 6: HELPERS

How can you get help? Think about who or what might support you along the way.

Page 7: CO!

What can you do today? What's one step, however small, that you can take right now to start making your plan a reality? Look at your previous pages for ideas.

Take Action

This is your idea and you <u>can</u> make it happen with your Big, Bold Plan. It is not going to be easy. Changing your world never is. But, you are a changemaker, just like Senator Elizabeth Warren and so many others. Be bold. We cannot wait to see what you accomplish.

Big, Bold Plans by Laurie Ann Thompson and illustrated by Susanna Chapman (Atheneum Books for Young Readers).

Inspired by the picture book Elizabeth Warren's

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