

Occupy Wallstreet Protests

PROTESTS: What's the best way to protest about these things?

Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote.

The best way **Effectiveness** Increased homework Corporate greed Government cuts War A faulty product Rising prices



What would it take?

- **DEMONSTRATE:** What would make you take to the streets? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.
- Higher taxes
- War
- Environment
- Building of nuclear plants
- Education cuts
- Democracy
- To oust a leader
- Corporate greed



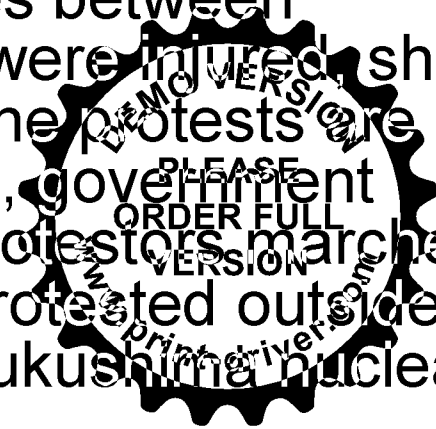
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Occupy Wallstreet goes global

The “Occupy Wall Street” protests that began in New York on September the 17th have now moved around the world. Demonstrations have spread to more than 60 major cities worldwide. Protesters were out in force at the weekend in Tokyo, Rome, London, Buenos Aires, Helsinki and other capitals and financial centres. Protests in the Italian capital saw battles between protestors and police in which dozens were injured, shop windows smashed and cars torched. The protests are against corporate greed and corruption, government cuts, and social inequality. In Japan, protestors marched behind “Occupy Tokyo” banners and protested outside the headquarters of the owner of the Fukushima nuclear power plants



• Occupy Wall Street was started in New York by the Canadian activist group Adbusters. The movement is now being compared to the Tahrir Square protests in Cairo earlier this year and the Arab Spring. Jesse LaGreca, a leader of Occupy Wall Street, spoke on U.S. television about the spread of the protests around the world. He said: "We are seeing our future stolen away from us while the wealthiest one percent get richer and richer, and I'm glad people are taking a role and participating in their democracy." He added: "The growth is happening very organically. There is communication among protesters worldwide through Twitter, Facebook, through friends who are concerned about each other."



Discussion Questions

- Are there similarities between “Occupy Wall Street” and the Arab Spring?
- Is Jesse LaGreca right in saying, “We are seeing our future stolen away from us?”
- Do the rich deserve to be rich?

