The Handmaid’s Tale Lesson Plan

I would base my lesson on a lesson from Amnesty Book Club. It focuses on women’s rights.

<http://www.amnestybookclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Amnesty-Book-Club-discussion-guide-May-2015-The-Handmaids-Tale.pdf>

After going through the discussion questions and background information I would have students work through the stories of women fighting back. The first in this packet is a woman from Saudi Arabia. It is the only country in the world that bans women from driving. This packet also covers El Salvador which has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the world. It also discusses Columbia where there has been conflict for a long time and where many have lost their homes.

Once we went through this information I would ask the students to choose a way to take action. For example, the packet gives information about releasing an Iranian women’s activist. It gives the address and contact information for writing a letter to express support for having her released.