

Participation in Government

In order to successfully complete the course, students must complete the following activities:

Activity 1: Student will write a Reaction Essay (see Civic Event/Meeting Rubric) that reflects upon the student's experience while attending one government meeting such as:

- School Board Meeting
- Town Board Meeting
- Village Board Meeting
- County Legislature Meeting
- Court Procedure

Meeting Requirements and Protocol:

- Arrive early
- Pick up an agenda for the meeting (attach to the Contact Verification Record sheet)
- Have an Official sign and date your Contact Verification Record sheet

Activity 2: Student will complete a minimum of five hours of community service/volunteer experience in a non-profit community activity and write a Reaction Essay (see Community Service Reflective Rubric) that reflects upon the student's volunteer experience. Some examples would be to volunteer at:

- Red Cross
- Samaritan Center
- Veterans Hospital
- Rescue Mission
- Salvation Army
- Nursing Homes
- Ronald McDonald House
- Meals on Wheels

Community Service Protocol:

- Arrive early
- Have an Official sign and date your Contact Verification Record sheet

Requirements for Reaction Essays

Civic Event/Meeting Reaction Essay

Your reactive essay should be a minimum of two pages, double spaced, 12 font. See rubric for essay scoring. You must attach the following to your essay:

- Meeting/Event Agenda
- Meeting/Event Handouts
- Signed Contact Verification Record sheet

In your essay you must include and reflect upon the following:

1. Analyses of the issues at the civic meeting/event
2. Evaluate the goals of the parties involved
3. Interpret how effective this level of government is

Community Service Reaction Essay

Your reactive essay should be a minimum of two pages, double spaced, 12 font. See rubric for essay scoring. You must attach the following to your essay:

- Signed Contact Verification Record sheet

In your essay you must include and reflect upon the following:

1. Describe the objectives of the organization
2. How does this organization try to achieve its goals?
3. Describe what your duties were as a volunteer; what you were expected to accomplish
4. Reflect upon the value of community service

**Civic Event/Meeting
Contact Verification Record Sheet**

Student Name: _____

Meeting/Event attended by the student: _____

Date of Meeting/Event: _____ Start time: _____ End time: _____

Location of Meeting/Event: _____

Contact person – an official involved in the event (Print Name):

I _____ (signature of contact person) certify that the above named student attended this event.

Students: The event/meeting agenda and handouts must be attached to this form. All documents should then be attached to your reflective essay.

**Community Service
Contact Verification Record Sheet**

Student Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address of Service: _____

Supervisor's Name (Print Name): _____

Teacher Approval: _____ (must be given prior to experience)

To be completed by Supervisor:

Number of hours of community service completed by the student: _____

Did the student notify you if he/she could not attend? Yes No N/A

Were you satisfied with the student's performance?

Always Most of the time Sometimes Never

Did the student make the most of the experience?

Always Most of the time Sometimes Never

Did the student follow the rules and instructions?

Always Most of the time Sometimes Never

Did the student show initiative and ask questions?

Always Most of the time Sometimes Never

Did the student establish a positive and productive relationship with you or with others he/she was assigned to work with?

Always Most of the time Sometimes Never

Supervisor Signature: _____