

8th Grade Social Studies/Civics Summer Assignment



Community (noun):

1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

As part of the Civics curriculum this year, we will be exploring how a single person can be an active member in all levels of the community they are a part of, from the classroom to the national government, and how they can create positive change within their communities. Before change can be made, students must have an understanding of what it means to be a part of a community, and must identify the communities they are a part of.

COMMUNITY MAP POSTER

As an 8th grade student, you are already a member of several different, yet interconnected, communities. For this project, you will create a “map” of a minimum of **eight** communities you are a part of. These may range from the tight knit community of family, all the way up to the global community of our planet. Some layers may be the same for all students (CCLCS community), while others will be different (home towns). You may choose to include communities that are important to you specifically (sports teams or clubs), or go for the more obvious (Cape Cod). There are many ways to express this map, and many communities to choose from so be creative!

Your final community map should be *bigger* than a standard piece of paper (11”x17” is ideal), and must include the following:

- 8 layers/communities you are a part of, with your name at the center or start of the map.
- Each layer has the following:
 - Community name prominently featured
 - A minimum of three (3) aspects of that community (names, phrases, quotes, important things that connect you to that layer), and one (1) drawing or image to represent that community.
- Make it COLORFUL!!!!

If you need a piece of final draft paper for this assignment, you can pick up a piece of 11”x17” drawing paper at the school.

Use the brainstorm rubric and the community map examples below to help you plan your project.

BRAINSTORM SPACE

COMMUNITY LAYER + 3 ASPECTS	IMAGES/ SYMBOLS
1:YOU! Your name: _____	
2: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
3: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
4: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
5: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
Layer 6 : _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
Layer 7: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____
Layer 8: _____ • • •	_____ _____ _____

→ EXAMPLE COMMUNITY MAP LAYOUTS ←

