

## 8th Grade Social Studies/Civics Summer Work

### **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.

There are **two** summer assignments to complete for 8th grade Social Studies/Civics: a writing assignment connected to the independent reading books you chose for ELA, and a creative poster. Each assignment is centered around the idea of “community”. As part of the civics and government curriculum this year, we will be exploring how a person can be an active member in all layers of their various communities, from the classroom to the national government, and look at how those communities in turn impact a person’s daily life.

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### **WRITING ASSIGNMENT:**

For this assignment, choose one of your independent reading books you read for your ELA assignment to focus on. In two well developed paragraphs (5-8 sentences each), discuss how the protagonist/ main character of the book fits into the communities around them.

- Paragraph 1: Explain how the community the book is set in influences who the protagonist is, and how the community has shaped the character’s personal identity.
- Paragraph 2: Explain how the protagonist impacts their communities either in a positive or negative way.
  - *Be sure to include text evidence (quotes) in each paragraph to support your claims!*



### **COMMUNITY MAP POSTER**

As an 8th grade student, you are already a member of several different yet interconnected communities. For this project, you must reflect on and map the various communities you are a part of- 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 (school community), while others will be different (towns). You may even choose to include communities that are important to you specifically (sports teams or clubs). There are many ways to express this map, and many communities to choose from so be creative- ultimately, the 8 communities you chose to include and the map layout are up to you!

Your poster should be *bigger* than a standard piece of paper, and must include the following:

- 8 layers/communities you are a part of, with your name at the center or start of the map.
  - Layers or sections 2-8 of the map must prominently feature the name of the community, along with 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.
  - Your map should be COLORFUL!!!!
    - 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 : _____ ● ● ●	_____  _____  _____

