

Community Action as Civic Responsibility

Instructions:

Read the definition of civic responsibility outlined in the first column. Then, read the second column for ideas on how you can become civically engaged. In the last column, write one concrete civically responsible action you could take tomorrow. It's okay if you want to use one of my ideas, if you can really do it tomorrow. BUT I would love to see what ideas you pull out of your own creative brain space!

What is Civic Responsibility?	What can I do?	What can I <i>really</i> do?
<p>Communicating with the Community Communicating organization's intentions and activities to the public (e.g., local press, radio, television) and representing the organization in community affairs and public activities to promote awareness and foster goodwill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pass out flyers about Gateway to College to my friends. ✓ Volunteer to work a college event booth on behalf of Gateway to College. 	✓
<p>Helping the Community Meeting the needs of the community by promoting opportunities for corporate giving of financial and human resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recruit parents or other personal cheerleaders to volunteer as classroom coaches ✓ Recruit parents or other caretakers to attend parent night events 	✓
<p>Civic Action Supporting participation in civic duties by encouraging others to vote and engaging in other duties of the political system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attend an Associated Students of Laney College meeting (ASLC). Meetings held on Thurs., 12 to 1 p.m. in the student center ✓ Help spread the word about ASLC 	✓

<p>Adopting Beneficial Values for Society Seeking and embracing values that benefit society rather than the organization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set personal values that honor your education ✓ Explain the importance of education to those in your community 	<p>✓</p>
<p>Providing a Good Example Always acting in accordance with society's and the organization's laws, rules, and guidelines, and behaving in fair and ethical manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Refrain from illegal activities and drug use ✓ Adhere to the Gateway community guidelines 	<p>✓</p>
<p>Social Action Actively creating necessary change in one's community or country by advocating for underrepresented or needy groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Create a community action plan with concrete goals for effecting positive change ✓ Be the change 	<p>✓</p>
<p>From: http://www.chsbs.cmich.edu/leader_model/development/media/Targeted%20Lessons/CRInRole.htm</p>	<p>From: Ms. Adrienne's Creative Brain Space</p>	<p>From: My Creative Brain Space</p>

5W's & H for reflective cover letter

Instructions: Begin typing and take as much space as you need! Write at least 250 words for your response to each question (be sure to unbold your type).

- 1. Who did I discover was an important person in my reading and writing journey when completing the literacy narrative? How can I be like this person?**
- 2. When have I reflected on the importance of knowing my community's history before attending the lectures in February? How will I begin to learn more about my community's history now?**
- 3. What did I think about taking action in my community before writing the community action plan and why?**
- 4. How have my thoughts changed as a result of class discussions and writing a community action plan? If my thoughts have not changed, what beliefs were confirmed for sure?**

- 5. What have I learned about civic responsibility as a result of the previous activity? How has learning or becoming more familiar with this term influenced how I will engage in my community?**

- 6. Overall this semester, what have I learned about myself during this educational journey? How will I use this new self-knowledge to help my community or my family?**

- 7. Where do I see myself as a real change agent in my community, family, neighborhood, or school?**