

Step 2 Worksheet

Service Learning Student Log: Community Assessment

What do you think about when you hear the word “community?” Service learning is about identifying a real need in your community, and developing a plan that can help to address it. This student log will help lead you through the process of identifying some of the needs in your community.

1. Describe your community in just one sentence, and share your answer with your group or class. Consider different points of view, and think about whether you can all be right.
2. Now design and conduct a survey about your community that will help you learn the points of view of those outside your group or class. Design your questions in a way that will help you learn what makes others proud of the community and what problems or issues they’d like to see addressed. Try to survey at least five different people, preferably of different ages, genders, job types, or neighborhoods. Share the information you learn with your group or class. What community issues or problems have you uncovered?
3. List three to five things that you’d like to learn about your community, and think about how you might learn the answers. Conduct research to find the answers.
4. Below, write down what you think the needs of your community are, based on your own thoughts, the thoughts of others, and the research you conducted.