

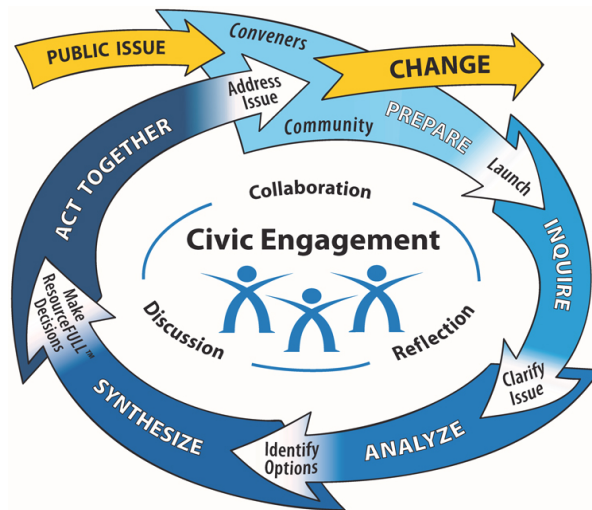
Name:



Social Studies Department

US History 1- Incoming Grade 9 Students

Summer Project



Civics Engagement Project - Topic Education Activity

(Please bring this to the school for your first week of grade 9)

Civic Engagement Topic Education - LEARN About Different Topics

At Whittier Tech, students will spend time in their History classes for Grades 9,10 and 11, each year working on the **Civics Engagement Project**. This project gives students a chance to think constructively about their community, both at the local and the state level, and different ways to get involved in civic life. **Students will do research on a topic of their choice for the purpose of raising awareness of an issue or a problem that affects their community and ways to solve it.**

Now that you have an understanding of the major goals of the Civics Engagement Project, **you will need to choose a topic**. That may seem a little challenging, and this will help make it easier for you. Below you will find a **list of potential project topics** that you could choose to model your Civics Engagement Project on. Included within the list of topics will be resources and places to learn more about each topic. **These resources are only places to start.** You can always branch out and find more information about these topics.

Directions:

Take a look through the list of topics and resources. **Choose and explain below three topics that you would be interested in working on for your project and why.** After you complete this activity, **keep track of it and bring it to school on your first day of 9th grade.** You will discuss this in History class during the first week of school.

Topic List and Websites:

Adolescent and School Health:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/index.htm> - Centers for Disease Control released data and information regarding the health risks and statistics of young people. Take a look at the different risks, problems, and potential solutions related to adolescent and school health.

Community Recreation, Fitness, and Parks:

<https://blog.perfectmind.com/how-can-recreation-facilities-improve-my-community> - This source explores why Recreational Life is so important to communities and what we can do to increase rec life opportunities.

Unemployment:

<https://www.thebalance.com/unemployment-solutions-3306211> - This source was assembled by financial experts and includes information about unemployment, what it is and the different types of unemployment, why it is bad, and also different potential solutions to unemployment.

Education Reform (Changing problems with Public Schools):

<https://www.education.com/topic/current-education-issues/> - This website highlights the good, the bad, and the ugly as it relates to schooling in the United States. Take a look at different problems, solutions, and innovative ideas that are currently or could in the future be changing the way students receive their education.

Cleaning up the Environment - Sustainable, Renewable Energy and Cleaning up Pollution:

<https://www.thebalancesmb.com/what-is-sustainability-3157876> - Learn more about what sustainable, renewable energy is as well as the different strategies that you can use to promote a cleaner and healthier environment.

Homelessness:

<https://nationalhomeless.org/homelessness-in-the-us/> - This is the website for the National Coalition for the Homeless. Take a look to learn more about different types of homelessness, the common reasons people live without permanent shelter, and also the different resources available that promote solutions to end the problem.

Hunger and Poverty:

<https://www.unitedway.org/blog/how-to-help-your-hungry-neighbors#> - This is a short article sponsored by United Way, a community outreach organization, all about different ways that you can get involved in your community to end hunger and give access to food to those in need. It is a great place to start if you are interested in researching hunger/ poverty as a topic.

Social Justice Reform and Activism:

<https://www.crj.org/who-we-are/> - Community Resources for Justice promotes a mission to change lives and strengthen communities by advancing policy (laws) and delivering individualized services that promote safety, justice, and inclusion. Learn more about different social justice programs, community strategies, and criminal justice reform ideas, for juveniles and adults, designed to make the community a safer place for all.

Choose 3 topics you are interested in potentially modeling your Civics Project on and explain why you chose this topic:

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