

WEB American Civics Homework due on Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
“Community Issues”

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**Instructions for completing this assignment:**

1. This is a multi-page document. The assignment is broken into several parts.
2. Complete the tasks in order. Spread this work out over a number of days so you won't become overwhelmed.
3. Refer to the date in the header of this document, and turn in your work accordingly.
4. Refer to the submission instructions, and turn in your work accordingly.
5. Update your Table of Contents to reflect additions to your notebook.

**To do this assignment you will need:**

- A copy of the Sunday Tennessean newspaper
- A copy of at least one daily edition of the Tennessean newspaper
- If available, a copy of your local community newspaper

**Assignment:**

1. Starting with the Sunday edition, select at least ten articles and answer the questions listed below for each one on the next blank page in your notebook.
  - a. Name of the newspaper where article is found.
  - b. What is the title of the article selected?
  - c. In which section of the newspaper does the article appear?
  - d. What is the issue reported?
  - e. Is a solution given? What is it?
  - f. If no solution is given, what do you recommend? What other groups, government or nonprofit, are working to solve the problem?

**Example:**

- a. Sunday Tennessean
- b. Ban on NRA T-Shirts in Area Schools
- c. Front Section
- d. Freedom of Speech, Gun Control, Censorship
- e. No solution is given. The article says students cannot wear T-shirts with guns and weapons.
- f. I think students should be involved in writing school dress codes.

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2. Repeat this process with the weekly edition.
3. If available, repeat this process with your community newspaper. **Note:** your community paper may not have ten articles for review. Do as many as seem appropriate.
4. Sort the articles by topic and tally the number of stories for each. Topics may include education, crime and justice, health care, environment and families. Complex topics such as “Local Schools Suffer Due to Budget Crisis” can fall under more than one category; choose the one that seems most applicable.
5. On the next blank page in your notebook, make a few notes about your thoughts regarding the following questions. You will use these notes in class for a Socratic Seminar with your peers.
  - a. According to the local print media, what is the most important issue or problem in your community?
  - b. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
  - c. What is an issue of minor importance in your community area? Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - d. How can this information help you choose an issue to address in your community?
  - e. What issues are missing from the list?
6. Update your Table of Contents to reflect additions to your notebook.

**Submission:**

Please place your composition notebook in the designated area when you arrive on Wednesday. I will review your notebook and comment as needed. I will return your notebook at roll call in class. If you have any questions, please ask! The dedicated email address for this class is [WEBAmCiv@gmail.com](mailto:WEBAmCiv@gmail.com).