

“Your Target Issue”

Community issues can be found everywhere; at school, the park, in your neighborhood, the grocery store, etc. The challenge for you is to observe the needs in your community and find one problem you would like to address or solve. Your selection will become your target issue and will be the focus of your work throughout the remainder of the semester.

Step One: Begin to identify your target issue by reviewing the data gathered from your research.

Review your research on contemporary issues from the newspaper articles you analyzed, and from discussions with your Socratic Seminar peers in class.

What contemporary issue stands out to you? Explain why it captured your interest. (Be brief and concise!)

Identify one or two contemporary issues that are interesting to you based on personal experiences.

Step Two: Use the answers from Step 1 along with the criteria listed below to identify a target issue. Your target issue needs to be:

- relevant to your community
- current
- a public issue
- a topic of personal interest

Be sure your target issue is interesting to *you* since it will be your focus for the remainder of the semester.



WEB American Civics Homework due on Wednesday, February 15, 2017
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My Target Issue Is:

Briefly explain why this issue is important to you.

Do this step in the presence of a parent or trusted adult. Perform a search on **State and Local Government On the Net** (<http://www.statelocalgov.net/>) website to identify a government agency that addresses your target issue. Select our state and then click on your city to be taken to the page for your local government.

Do this step in the presence of a parent or trusted adult. Perform a search on **Great Nonprofits Nashville** (<http://greatnonprofits.org/city/nashville/TN>) to identify local organizations that address your target issue. You may filter by issue on the left sidebar of the website.

Submission:

Please place your completed printout in the designated folder when you arrive on Wednesday. I will review your work and comment as needed. I will return your work at roll call in class. If you have any questions, please ask! The dedicated email address for this class is WEBAmCiv@gmail.com.
