



## Community Service Project

In this project, you will volunteer to participate in a community service project. You will use the experience to create an illustrated story that shows how you helped your community and what skills you gained from the project that can transfer to a future career.



### My Journal

If you completed the journal entry from page 626, refer to it to see if your thoughts have changed after reading the unit.

## Project Assignment

In this project you will:

- Choose an area of community service that interests you.
- Research and make a list of opportunities for volunteering.
- Call organizations, if appropriate, to find out about types of volunteer opportunities.
- Organize a time and date to volunteer.
- Bring a camera or sketchbook and a notebook to record your experience.
- Use what you learned during the community service to create an illustrated story.

### STEP 1 Choose a Community Service that Interests You

Below are examples of organizations or places that may need volunteers. Choose two groups. You can use these suggestions, or you can research your own area of interest.

- Food banks
- Animal shelters
- Literacy programs
- Public radio stations
- Nursing homes

### STEP 2 Research Your Choices

Contact the organizations you selected, and ask specific questions about details, dates, and locations of volunteer opportunities. Get as many details as you can. Record their answers in a notebook. You can refer to these notes when you write your story. Decide which opportunity works with your interests and schedule.

#### Research Skills

- Conduct research using a variety of resources.
- Gather specific information through interpersonal communication.
- Take notes on your research, and write a summary of your findings.
- Use the information you gathered to narrow down your choices.

### THE SKILLS BEHIND THE PROJECT

Key personal and relationship skills you will use in this project include:

- Motivating team members
- Communicating respectfully
- Taking responsibility

### Academic Skills



#### English Language Arts

**NCTE 5** Use different writing process elements to communicate effectively.

**NCTE 7** Conduct research and gather, evaluate, and synthesize data to communicate discoveries.

### STEP 3 Connect with Your Community

Select one of the volunteer opportunities. Contact the organization to schedule the service. You might consider asking a friend to join you. If you do so, you should act as the leader of the team since you are organizing the activity. Ask the organization for permission to bring a camera to document your experience. Continue to take notes for your story.

#### Leadership Skills

- Take initiative to complete tasks.
- Ask questions if you do not understand instructions.
- Use teamwork skills to get the job done.
- Be enthusiastic and help motivate others.
- Manage your time successfully.

### STEP 4 Build Your Portfolio Project

Use the Portfolio Project Checklist to plan and create an illustrated story to share what you have learned with your classmates.

#### Communication Skills

- Use standard English to communicate.
- Be sensitive to the needs of your audience.

### STEP 5 Evaluate Your Project

Your portfolio project will be evaluated based on:

#### Academic Skills

- Extent of the research you conducted
- Clarity of your presentation
- Speaking and listening skills
- Structure, organization, and depth of your story
- Creativity, presentation, and neatness



**Evaluation Rubric** Go to this book's Online Learning Center at [glencoe.com](http://glencoe.com) for a rubric you can use to evaluate your final project.

### PORTFOLIO PROJECT CHECKLIST

#### Plan

- ✓ Write a story about your day of community service.
- ✓ Illustrate your story with photographs or drawings.
- ✓ Show what you learned from performing the service. Include any skills that you demonstrated, such as leadership and teamwork.
- ✓ Organize your story so it has a beginning, middle, and end. Discuss the volunteer work and describe the skills you learned or practiced. Then conclude by explaining how those skills will be transferable to a future career.

#### Present

- ✓ Create a presentation to share your story with the class.
- ✓ Invite the students to ask questions. Answer any questions. Demonstrate in your answers that you respect their perspectives.
- ✓ Place your notes and illustrated story in your portfolio. Share your portfolio with your teacher.

### Portfolio Highlights

#### Academic Skills and Achievements

A good portfolio includes samples of coursework in your field of interest. It should also include samples that highlight other aspects of your life, such as hobbies, interests, and special skills.

#### Communication Skills

Potential employers want to hire people with strong communication skills. Include written reports or projects you completed for classes that showcase your writing ability.

#### Leadership Skills

Leadership skills are developed in many ways. You may have been an elected leader on a school project, or perhaps you are a role model for someone. If you have demonstrated leadership skills in a school club or committee, athletic team, or volunteer activity, include evidence of your participation.

#### Awards and Citations

Include any awards or citations for sports, community activities, volunteer work, or academic achievement. If you have already been employed, also include any recognition received in that job.