

Project Summary Page

Digital Stories for Change, Level 2

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Purpose of Project

The purpose of my project is to raise awareness for community change and how the communication can be difficult during that process. I showed that communities may see something wrong or not the way they want, but don't change anything because of lack of motivation or funding. This can cause communities to fall into a cycle of disarray and continual lack of care. People can see this video and find ways to get motivated to get up and act. This video takes a comedic look on how people can overlook and not care about the "small" problems in their community that can grow into larger problems if left unattended. Young people can also view this video and encourage their parents/guardians to take action and help their community for the better.

Relationship to Family and Consumer Sciences

This topic relates to FACS in many ways. FACS teaches us that communities and the families that make them up, are extremely important. If a family is struggling, it's going to be even harder if they live in a difficult community. We also learn that communicating with each other can be difficult. This can also be seen between the conversations of each community member in the group. FACS classes strive to teach students communication skills, skills that can be used within family and community relationships. In order to speak about problems and voice concerns individuals must use communications skills, these skills are taught in FACS classes.

Family and Consumer Sciences Standards

Within this project, I met the following FACS Standards:

Career, Community, and Family Connections

1.1.2 Analyze the effects of social, economic, and technological changes on work and family dynamics.

1.2.3 Apply communication skills in school, community and workplace settings and with diverse populations.

1.2.7 Analyze factors that contribute to maintaining safe and healthy school, work and community environments.

Relevant Research and Background Information

I chose to show this point of view (how community communication can be difficult) in my video for a number of reasons. Initially, I chose this because it was the first idea that came to mind. Though after thinking about it long enough, I found that this video expressed everything I wanted to say perfectly. It addresses the problem upfront, while still keeping a storyline to go with it. It also shows how difficult it can be for people to communicate about this problem. I found that taking a comedic look on the situation could brighten up the casual, boring and uneventful hour of most town meetings. I also found that young people can take action in their communities just as easily as an adult. With committees like community clean up, members can take action and help change their community for the better.

Awareness Goal

My goal is to have at least 15 views on my video before submission. I can reach this by spreading the word about my video, and the problems it addresses. I hope that my video inspires others to take action and help change their community. The information in this video can be used by anyone old enough to understand it. I truly hope that after somebody views this video, they are able to find ways to help their own community.