

VIKES PROJECT: Assignment Overview

-Event Based Option: Students participate in a minimum of 4 Approved Service Events

Your Grade will be based upon:

- **Total Number of Hours Served**
- **Hours spread across at least 4 Events**
- **Quality of your Event Descriptions and Curricular Connection**

Your Specific Requirement – What’s Due:

I) Description Service/Events – Describe what you did to accomplish your 20 Hours.

- a) What Organizations did you serve?**
- b) What was your specific role/position at each event?**
- c) What is the overall function/goal of the organization?**
- d) In what way did you help the organization better meet its goal.**
- e) What did you think of your experience? Anything memorable? Did it teach you anything about yourself or our society?**

II) Curriculum Connections: Answer **3 of the following Questions Based upon your Class:**

Students Taking Government = Choose 3 from Questions 1-4

Students Taking Economics = Choose 3 from Questions 4-7

Survey Students = Choose 3 from any of the below questions

1. How do service learning and volunteer work promote the idea of civic duty and citizenship?
2. What is the role of citizens’ play in contributing to a democratic society beyond traditional voting, jury, and other duties? How is this seen in your volunteer experience?
3. The functions of democratic government as stated in the preamble of the constitution include establishing justice, insuring domestic tranquility, providing for the common defense, promoting the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty. Does the service your organization provides help in promoting one of these democratic functions for a particular group of people? Explain.
4. Should the government (at a federal, state, and/or local level) encourage, through incentives or a mandate, young Americans to engage in community service? In your response, draw on your own experience and address the potential advantages and disadvantages of required service.
5. One of the basic questions of economics is how will we use or scarce resources to satisfy our needs and wants. What need or want does your organization fulfill for people? Why do people your organization helps have trouble fulfilling these wants and needs?
6. Socio-economic status plays an extensive role in our society. How is socio-economic status seen in your organization?
7. How do you see your organization being impacted by current economic conditions? Do you envision a larger/smaller role for your organization in the future because of the current economic downturn and/or the potential for increased/decreased government programs? Explain.