Know your Neighborhood

Communities are the foundation of governments. It is with in a community that the basics of governmental services are offered. The purposes of government can be found in the constitutions preamble. Those purposes are also addressed at the community level.

Today, due to the fast paced life we all live and the changes in technology, communities aren’t as close as they once were.

* Your job is to draw a map of your neighborhood: draw each house and name each immediate neighbor. Provide as much information about each household as you can. (cost of home, professions, number of children, etc) Use [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com) for financial information.
* If possible, show schools, parks, public libraries, post offices, major businesses, churches that are close by your neighborhood
* Describe the state of the community you live in: Is it a pleasant place in which to live? Why or why not? What are good things and bad things about it? Cite evidence of each.
* What are things that you could do to improve your neighborhood?
* Brainstorm ideas for the service learning project (in your neighborhood or elsewhere)

Assignment is assessed by: Completeness and detail of your map and the quality of your information provided. Answer any questions on the back of your map.

* 20 points for map
* 10 points for details
* Extra credit awarded for extras