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**Prompt:** Think about a problem in your community that affects you and your friends. Prepare a brief written report in which you state the problem and offer a solution to it. In your report, make clear to your neighbors why they should also get involved in helping to fix the problem.

SAMPLE COMMUNITY PROBLEMS: Adolescent pregnancy, access to clean drinking water, child abuse and neglect, crime, domestic violence, drug use, pollution, mismanagement of resources, lack of funding for schools and services, ethnic conflict, health disparities, HIV/ AIDS, hunger, inadequate emergency services, inequality, jobs, lack of affordable housing, poverty, transportation, violence, racism and police brutality.

*QUICK CHECKLIST TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ADDRESSING IN YOUR ESSAY.*

*I understand that:*

\_\_\_Communities, like people, try to solve their problems

\_\_\_Analyzing those problems helps in their solution

*I have taken into consideration the following criteria for analyzing the problem:*

\_\_\_Frequency of the problem

\_\_\_Duration of the problem

\_\_\_Scope or range of the problem

\_\_\_Severity of the problem

\_\_\_Legality of the problem

\_\_\_Perception of the problem

*I understand the reasons to analyze the problem:*

\_\_\_To better identify what the problem or issue is

\_\_\_To understand what is at the heart of a problem

\_\_\_To determine the barriers and resources associated with addressing the problem

\_\_\_To develop the best action plan for addressing the problem

*I understand how to analyze a community problem:*

\_\_\_State the problem, in general terms

\_\_\_Give some specific examples of the problem

\_\_\_Think of some possible reasons or causes

\_\_\_Find the most probable reason

\_\_\_Identify some possible solutions

\_\_\_Choose the best solution

\_\_\_Implement that solution

\_\_\_Evaluate the solution

*I understand the value of analyzing community problems:*

\_\_\_Analyzing community problems can be hard work

\_\_\_Real community problems are likely to be complex and hard to solve

\_\_\_When I look for reasons and underlying causes for significant problems, I'm likely to find more than one

\_\_\_The problem may not only have more than one reason; it may have more than one solution too

*I have taken into consideration the following common criteria for the best possible solution:*

\_\_\_Cost

\_\_\_Time

\_\_\_People

\_\_\_Obstacles

\_\_\_Impact

*I have asked the following questions to measure impact of the problem and its potential solution:*

\_\_\_How many people will be affected/ will benefit?

\_\_\_For how long will they benefit? How long will the solution last?

\_\_\_How intensely will they benefit -- what is the extent of impact on their lives?

\_\_\_Are there any possible unanticipated consequences or side effects?

\_\_\_What is the community's preference?

\_\_\_What is the likelihood of success?

*I have asked the following questions about the likelihood of success:*

\_\_\_What is the best evidence that this solution is going to work?

\_\_\_Where has this solution been tried before, and what has been the outcome?

\_\_\_What does expert opinion say on the probability of this solution being successful?

\_\_\_Have there been research studies showing that this solution works, or is likely to work?

\_\_\_Does my situation match others where this solution has been successful?

I don’t know about you, but I hate it when people litter. When you litter, it can go to the ocean and harm sea life. Also, it can pollute the environment and make it dirty. When people litter it could clog the storm drains and cause the water to flood the streets. There is a problem with littering in our community, but luckily there is an easy solution.

To start off with, littering causes a threat to our health and can cause harmful germs. In addition, if an animal inhales or swallows a piece plastic could make it harder for them to breathe. Also, it could be painful for the animals for somebody to take it out. Some animals may even die if they inhale plastic or swallow it. When people litter that shows that they don't care about other things that live on this earth. Back in 2019, I was at the beach in the Keys, there was trash up on the shores. Also, there was bits of plastic in the water. Sometimes when I go fishing with my dad, you can see beer cans and soda cans shoved up in the rocks. If you look even closer, you can see glass bottles and plastic in the water. It makes me mad to see trash and other things that can harm the environment.

The simplest solution to this problem is to wait until you get where you’re going to throw away your trash. If there is no trash can in sight, you can wait until you get home. It might help to keep a spare bag in the car for your trash. Most public beaches and parks have plenty of trash cans available. The community, and maybe even school groups, can get involved by having beach clean ups. They could also make throwing trash away more fun for kids by having a contest where the kids can design trash can art to be painted on the trash cans at local parks. Education is always a good way to help people understand the consequences their actions can have on the environment and sea life.

In conclusion, littering is bad for our health, the environment, and it harms sea life. Wherever you live, if you litter less, you will see the difference in the sky. For us living in South Florida, we will see a big difference in and around the ocean. The world is a better place without trash laying all over the place. Also keep in mind that if you see somebody littering be a good citizen and pick it up and put in the trash.