



*Media Literacy
in Action:
The Community
Planning
Project*

Episode 2
Education

What is a community?

People living in the same geographic place.



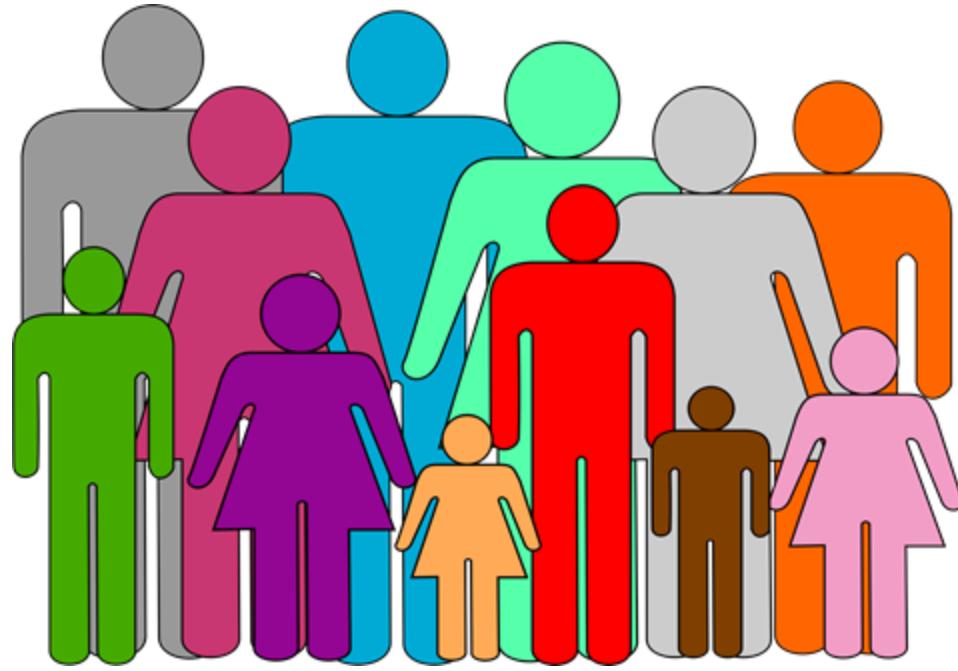
What makes a livable community?

People have many needs and wants in the community in which they live. They want to feel safe and enjoy the place where they live.

People want to live in neighborhoods where they know their neighbors. They want to shop where they can buy the things they need and want.

People want public services that meet their everyday needs, like water and electricity, and fire and police departments that can send responders when there is an emergency.

Transportation is important in communities, whether it means sidewalks or forms of transportation that make it easy to get from place to place.



Schools and other learning centers are important too. Libraries, museums, and historical sites provide places for learning too.

Parks and recreation areas encourage people to enjoy the outdoors and exercise.

Art is important too, as are public spaces where people can gather for special events, which creates a sense of belonging and pride in the community.

Why are schools important to communities?

In a livable community, people want different kinds of businesses and public services. Businesses can be stores where people buy things that they need and want. Restaurants are businesses. There are many kinds of businesses in a livable community.

There are public services too. Public services are provided by the government, such as hospitals, schools, post offices, and police and fire stations. When we pay taxes, that money goes to support our community services.

Education is important to a livable community.



What kinds of educational services do you think you should have in your community?



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Schools and parks provide public services.



What schools will we have in our community?

There are many kinds of education services.

Schools are important to communities. There are other education services too, such as preschools and after-school programs.

Some communities have special training schools. For example, some people want to learn a new language or how to drive a car. Some want to become a barber or a chef. Some people want to learn new technology skills.



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What are people learning?





Why are museums places where people can learn new things?

Museums are important to communities.

Museums come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes, communities take an historic home to share information about the past. Some museums help us understand what life was like long before people arrived.



A dinosaur museum can help us learn about the past.



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Cultural Centers

Cultural centers can help us learn about people in our community.

Where
should the
schools be
located?
What other
education
places
should we
have in our
community?



Choices & Decisions

How will we organize our community to provide schools and other education services?

