



Brainstorming Civic Engagement Topics

Use this checklist to brainstorm ideas for civic learning and engagement projects, and to assess student interest and feasibility. When choosing a topic for your project, be sure that all youths have an opportunity to actively participate in the decision. Once you select a topic, the next step is to formulate a driving question.

Types of Civic Engagement Projects	Student Interest (High, Medium, Low)	Potential Government Partners (elected officials, government agencies or others)	Potential Community Partners (community or faith-based organizations, local nonprofits, businesses, or others)	Resources Needed (materials, laptops, recording equipment, data, etc.)
<i>Direct Service Experiences (working with others to provide service directly)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a school beautification project.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan and construct a dog park on city property.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Register voters for an upcoming election.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve access to health care.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ideas?				
<i>Support or Indirect Service Experiences (raising money or goods in partnership with another organization, educating others to help contribute to a cause)</i>				

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<input type="checkbox"/> Educate children about obesity and nutrition in partnership with the school.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Raise funds for a candidate, issue or cause.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a soldier.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ideas?				
<i>Action or Advocacy (joining with others to express views and bring about change)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold a demonstration.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Circulate and submit a petition.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Organize a letter-writing campaign.				





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<input type="checkbox"/> Create a public service announcement.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Campaign and/or lobby for a candidate, issue or cause.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ideas?				

