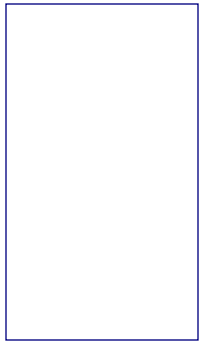


Civic Action: Thinking it Through

As people work to address problems, they educate themselves about the issues and continually set and reset goals.

As you attempt to solve a problem, you'll need to stay informed about it. Use your knowledge to set goals and plan. And be prepared to change your course of action along the way.

Use this form to gather information about your issue and set some goals. You might use this form more than once if your goals and strategies change.



Don't forget to save this form with a new name using the "Save As" command!
If you need some help with this form, go to the CAP web site (www.crfcap.org) in the Student Materials section.

Name:

Date:

What problem, issue, or policy are you working on?

What's the goal? What would you like to see happen?

You'll take civic actions to move toward this goal. Educating yourself about the problem is an important civic action to start with.

What do you need to know before you take your next steps? (Background/history, cause/effect, effects of problem on society, who might support/oppose your position on this issue, etc). List questions you need to have answered and places/people/resources you'll use to find answers.

Figure out how you will store the information you collect. Maybe a file folder, log, portfolio, electronic storage, etc.

What is your next civic action?
Be specific, like "call ___ to find out ___, search the web to find ___."
What's the purpose of this action?

When do you expect to complete this civic action?

Teacher Reaction Date:

Looks good, move forward! Please come see me. Please edit to help me understand more about:

- Long-term goal
- Policy implications
- What you need to know/Resources
- Short-term goal