

Problem Identification Proposal

The first step in your civic engagement project is to determine a problem within your local community (hometown, St. Peter, or Gustavus) that warrants community action. The project examples provided in the text and at Public Discourse Night serve as a guide. You should also contemplate problems that overlap with both your personal interests and the needs of your community. Consult community resources (news reports, community websites, family, friends, local officials, etc.) for ideas to spur your thinking.

In this assignment, you will use evidence to prove that your community problem exists and is significant/urgent.

To complete your assignment, use the following template:

- I. The problem in the community exists in the present system.
[e.g. Lake Minnetonka has dangerous levels of E. coli bacteria.]
 - A. Evidence that the problem exists.
 - B. Evidence 2 that the problem exists.
 - C. Evidence 3 that the problem exists.

- II. The problem in the community is significant (worthy of community attention) and urgent (demands immediate attention).
[e.g. E. coli in Lake Minnetonka is a serious health concern.]
 - A. Evidence that the problem is urgent.
 - B. Evidence 2 that the problem is urgent.
 - C. Evidence 3 that the problem is urgent.

Requirements

- Essay format.
- Use assigned template.
- All points in the outline must be in complete sentences. One sentence per point.
- 1 page in length.
- Consult at least three sources.
- Include a bibliography of sources.
- Refer to assignment checklist (A2) for other requirements.