

### LESSON GOAL

Create an action-centered proposal that is realistic, innovative, and collaborative.

### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do I create an action-centered proposal based on civic responsibility? How do I identify topics and develop action-based questions?

### INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY

#### FORUM

- Use Forum to review Action Project ideas.

#### BLOGGER

- Use Blogger to provide project status updates.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

- Check Announcements for any information about assignments and due dates.

#### MY PORTFOLIO

- Submit work to My Portfolio.

#### MY WORKSPACE

- Prepare your assignments in My Workspace

#### ASSIGNMENTS

- Use Assignments to submit your artifacts and reflections.

#### GRADEBOOK

- Check Gradebook for your lesson evaluation.

#### SCHEDULE

- Check schedule for assignments and due dates.

1 class period for planning and considerable time to implement plans

### LESSON OVERVIEW

In this lesson you will decide what you want to do for your action project. You will join a group of your peers with a similar interest and work with them to write a proposal for your action project. The proposal is a key piece to an effective action project because it lays out your plan. Reviewing team building strategies will also occur in this lesson because you will need them as you work with your group to carry out this project.

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Revisit list of potential ideas for action project.
2. Self-select action project group based on common action plan interests.
3. Review strategies for effective teamwork.
4. Complete action project proposal as a group.
5. Begin submitting a log of progress on Blogger.
6. Write a reflection about developing an action plan.

There are two assignments in this lesson to develop your Action Plan and to reflect on the process. You are also to report progress using the *Sakai* Blogger.

### How you can succeed in this lesson:

1. Engage in group work and take initiative to consider everyone's ideas and reach a consensus about an action project.
2. Remember specific details about teamwork strategies and share them with the class.
3. Engage in collaboration with team members fully by offering insightful ideas; listening well to others in the group; encouraging and affirming the ideas of other team members.
4. Thoroughly address all criteria of Action Project Rubric.
5. Communicate action project progress on Blogger often and reflect thoughtfully on the process of carrying out the project.
6. Complete a thoughtful reflection on developing the action plan.



## ASSIGNMENT 1

In class you have reviewed the Forum with ideas you had for an Action Project and have selected a project for your group. You have also reviewed effective teamwork strategies.

Now work collaboratively with your team members to complete the **Action Project Proposal**. Take a look at the rubric for this proposal so you know how you will be evaluated.

- Take your time completing this proposal. Make sure to address each section thoroughly. It is important to be specific in your steps and goals. When you are specific, you are better able to know when you have accomplished the goal.
- Also, be realistic. You probably won't raise a million dollars for saving the whales or convince Oprah Winfrey to fly your class to Tanzania for a service project. You may be able to raise a few hundred dollars for a new theater set by baking and selling lots of cookies, though. Be reasonable and you will have more success meeting your goals.
- Make sure this is something you really care about. You may encounter obstacles as you try to carry out your plan, so you need personal investment in this project so you don't give up.
- Remember to utilize the gifts of your team members. Each of you brings different skills and abilities to the group. Delegate tasks appropriately so that everyone does something they are interested in and good at. You will have better luck getting everyone involved if they all are doing something interesting to them.

Dive in and start making a difference! Your contribution to your school and your community really matter! Know that your work is appreciated.

### **Blogger**

As you work on your project, track your progress on Blogger. Make note of when you complete a step. You can write about important conversations you have, flyers you print, surveys you conduct, or cookies you sell – whatever is outlined in your proposal. Also, reflect on your thoughts and feelings as you work through the project. Some days you may feel ecstatic about something that falls into place. Other days you may feel discouraged or frustrated that your plans are falling through. Keep track of these thoughts as well.

Use the following prompts when reporting on Blogger:

1. What is the latest step you have taken to implement your action project?
2. What has been challenging so far? What has gone well?
3. How are you currently feeling about the progress of your action project?

# Teams and Teamwork



## ASSIGNMENT 2

In class you have done the following.

1. Revisited list of potential ideas for action project.
2. Selected an action project based on group common action plan interests.
3. Reviewed strategies for effective teamwork.
4. Completed action project proposal as a group.
5. Begun submitting a log of progress on Blogger.

Think about these experiences as you reflect in writing on the process of creating a plan for an Action Project by considering the following questions. When finished use the **Sakai** Assignments Tool to submit your reflections for evaluation.

1. How did your group decide on a project?
2. How well did your group work together?
3. What was the most difficult part of developing your plan?
4. What do you think will be the most challenging part of carrying out your plan and why?
5. What are you looking forward to doing in your project?

# Teams and Teamwork

Multiply the points by the weighted score and record in the total column for each rubric. Then tally the total points for the final score.

Weighted Score	Category	Exceeding 9-10 Points	Meeting 6-8 Points	Approaching 3-5 Points	Emerging 0-2 Points	Total
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ASSIGNMENT 1</b> <b>Action Project Proposal Collaboration</b> Collaborate effectively with team members.	Engaged in collaboration with team members fully by offering insightful ideas; listened well to others in the group; encouraged and affirmed the ideas of other team members.	Participated in collaboration with team members by offering ideas for the action project proposal and listening to others in the group.	Did not offer ideas during the collaboration on the proposal, but listened actively to other group members.	Did not participate in the proposal collaboration.	
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ASSIGNMENT 2</b> <b>Reflection</b> Reflect on the process of developing an Action Project Plan.	Completed thoughtful reflection on developing an action plan.	Completed reflection on developing an action plan.	Made an attempt to complete reflection on developing an action plan.	Did not complete reflection on developing an action plan.	