Choose: Positives and Negatives

Discover the positives and negatives in your community and/or school.

What are you upset about? What are you proud of?

**Negatives** or issues are things that are troubling in the community. Anything that is upsetting you may be able to be tracked down to an issue in the community. **Positives** or assets are things that you are proud of in your community or that are beneficial to you and the community.

- Complete a community mapping activity: Take a large piece of paper and draw a map of your community – the things that make it great and the things that might be difficult or unfair. Use the following prompts to get you started:
  - **Draw a map of your community:** places you visit, where you can buy food or get water, community centers or places where people gather.
  - **Draw what you love or appreciate about your community:** people, places, resources.
  - **Draw the helpers in the community.** Who are the people trying to make positive change? Are you one of them?
  - **Draw the problems in your community,** the things that upset you about your community. What is something that is difficult in your community?
  - **Draw the people who have power in your community.** What are they doing with their power?
  - **Draw the people who do not have power or access to resources in your community.** Where are they? What are they doing? What do they need?
  - **Draw your hopes for your community.** What are the changes you want to see?

- Here are some examples that might help.
  - [Example 1](#)
  - [Example 2](#)

- [Video example](#)

- Use your community maps and the guiding questions to discuss and record **positives** and **negatives** in your community.
Choose: Positives and Negatives Worksheet

Your name: __________________________________________

Your group name: ____________________________________

Use your community maps and the following questions to identify positives and negatives in your community.

• For positives (or assets), think about what you are proud of in your community?

• For negatives (or issues), think about what in your community makes you upset? Or what is something that is difficult in your community everyday?

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