

There Are No Children Here Project

After reading about the unbelievable conditions and lifestyles that the characters in the novel *There Are No Children Here* are faced with, what are you going to do about it? Your task is to make a difference!

Imagine that you were given the power to change the conditions for the people that live in urban areas. What would you do? Where would you start? How could you possibly bring about a change?

Your job is to create a proposal that demonstrates how you will change the lives of the people living in this environment. Your final proposal project must include the following information:

- Select at least three areas in which major transformation is needed. These areas can include housing, school systems, welfare, community services, medical care, police intervention, or any other item of your choice.
- Determine how you will best tackle each of these areas. You can't just snap your fingers and hope for these areas to be perfect – instead you must write a one-page proposal for each area and develop what steps must be taken to fix these problem areas.
- Create images, charts, graphs, etc. to reinforce the items that you want to change. For example, you could make before and after pictures or charts, you could develop an area that you want modified, it's really up to you.
- Put all of this information on a poster board and prepare a short presentation to give to the class. In this presentation you will simply share with the class your three areas of concern and explain how you will change these areas. This presentation should last no longer than five minutes.

I would strongly recommend searching the internet or looking for newspaper or magazine articles for ideas about how to solve these problems. Remember, if you need money to solve your problems you must justify how you obtained this money. You do not have unlimited resources, you must be practical and your ideas must be legitimate in order to receive full credit for this assignment. Please see attached rubric for expectations!!

This assignment will be worth 75 points. This assignment will be due _____.

Task: Make A Difference Rubric

Standards: Students will be able to describe effects of outside influences (e.g., environmental, personal).

Students will be able to identify problems in urban areas.

Students will be able to evaluate relevant information.

Students will be able to classify items in terms of necessity and importance.

Students will be able to defend their position.

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Proposal	10 points Proposal addresses 1 of the required areas.	20 points Proposal addresses 2 of the required areas and little explanation of solution.	30 points Proposal addresses 3 required areas with some weaknesses among solutions or monetary explanation.	40 points Proposal addresses 3 required areas with adequate solutions and ways to raise money.
Posture and Eye Contact	1 point Slouches and/or does not look at people during the presentation.	2 points Sometimes stands up straight and establishes little eye contact.	3 points Slouches with good eye contact or stands straight with some eye contact.	4 points Stands up straight, looks relaxed and confident. Establishes eye contact with everyone in the room during the presentation.
Volume and Clarity of Voices	2 points Volume often too soft to be heard by all audience members.	4 points Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members at least 70% of the time.	6 points Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members at least 85% of the time.	8 points Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members throughout the presentation.
Time Limit	0 points Presentation is less than 2 minutes OR			3 points Presentation is 5 minutes long.

	more than 5 minutes.			
Visual (In order to get the full 20 points, you must address all 3 proposals!!)	5 points Speaker has no visual or one that is a distraction and not involved in presentation.	10 points Speaker has a visual that is sloppy or not properly incorporated into speech.	15 points Speaker has a visual that shows considerable time and effort and is incorporated into speech.	20 points Speaker has visual that excellently gets points across, is creative, neat and correctly incorporated into speech.

Speech Total _____/75