

Graphic Organizer



Community Mapping

Everyone is part of a community—very often we are part of multiple communities in our private and public life. Use the Community Mapping Graphic Organizer to map the communities that are important to your life and identify some unique characteristics about your community or communities.

Identifying Your Communities

- 1. Write your name in the center circle.
- 2. Think about all the communities you are a part of. These could be groups of people you interact with regularly or organizations to which you belong, including clubs, faith organizations, neighborhood and community associations, etc.
- **3.** Use the surrounding circles to represent each community. Write the names of the community inside a circle. Only write one community name per circle.
- 4. In each community's circle, write the unique characteristics that community has:
 - O Does that community have a shared identity or identities? For example, members of a sports team may have a shared identity as student athletes.
 - O Does the community have a unifying activity? Examples might include meetings, performances, competitions, and religious services.
 - Is it part of or connected to an even larger community?
- **5.** Draw lines from each community circle to show how these communities are connected to you, and potentially, each other.
- **6.** Share your results with your small group.
 - O Are there any similarities?
 - O Are there any differences?

