

Student Worksheet 1.1

Activity 1.1 Getting Started -- What is a community?

The central themes of this unit are democracy and “community” as they relate to global change. This activity explores the linkages among communities at various scales and the relationships between communities and larger economic, cultural, political, social, and environmental processes.

Part A: Mapping Your Community

1. In the space below, draw a picture or map of your community.

Part B: Defining and Describing Your Community

2. Define what you mean by “community.”

To what extent is having a shared place or location necessary to the existence of a Community (i.e., are communities necessarily place-based)?

What types of communities do you identify with? What makes you feel like you belong to this community?

What type of sub-groups constitute your community? Are opportunities equally or Unequally distributed among different segments of your community?

Does community have anything to do with society? What does the term “citizenship” mean to you?

How would you define “environment?” Do you see a connection between citizenship and environmentalism? Do you see a connection between economics and environmentalism?

What does “think globally, act locally” mean to you? Do you think it is true in essence?
