

Community Documenting Worksheet

You will need:

- Pen or pencil
- Digital camera or cellphone with camera (optional but good to have)
- Clipboard (optional but good to have)

Pick a block or area in your neighborhood. Write down where it is.

Slowly walk around the block once and make a note of or take pictures of the major structures (e.g. churches, stores, buildings, schools).

Walk the area again, this time looking for less obvious things. Some examples: a well-kept yard on a street of concrete, a community garden, a row of trees, a vacant lot, billboards. If possible, use your cellphone or camera to take pictures.

As you observe this time, write down not only what you see, but also what you hear, smell, or feel.

When you get back, respond to the following questions:

1. What surprised you the most about the community?

2. Can you see any problems that are affecting the community? If so, who is it affecting and how?

3. What do you think this community needs to help solve that problem?

4. Who would be responsible for making that change and how?

5. How might the community needs be solved by technology?
