

Activity 8

Class Service Pledge

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Collaborate with peers to select a class service project. ■ Write a persuasive paragraph in support of a class service project.
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6-8.8 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6-8.9 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6-8.1 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6-8.4 ■ CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.6-8.1
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Concept Web printable ■ Student Pledge Card printable ■ Paper, pencils or pens, or computer and paper if preferred
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Print a copy of the Concept Web for each student. ■ Print a copy of the Student Pledge Card for each student.
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell students that 9/11 Day is a national day of service, which means helping or doing things for other people. ■ It is also a day of remembrance, when we honor the thousands of people who died in a series of events on September 11, 2001. ■ Point out that after September 11th, people didn't focus about their differences; they felt connected to one another. They did kind things for each other and served their communities together.
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell the class that it is time for them to complete a school service project together. ■ Brainstorm possibilities together. ■ Draw a concept web on the board and write "Class Service Project" in the center circle. ■ Have students call out ideas for people or groups that could benefit from a potential service project. ■ Write each suggestion in its own circle connected to the center circle. Try to keep the list between five and eight ideas; combine ideas if they are related. ■ Invite students to vote by a show of hands for the group of people they would most like to focus on for the service project. ■ Place students in small groups to discuss how best to serve the selected people or group.



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Introduction
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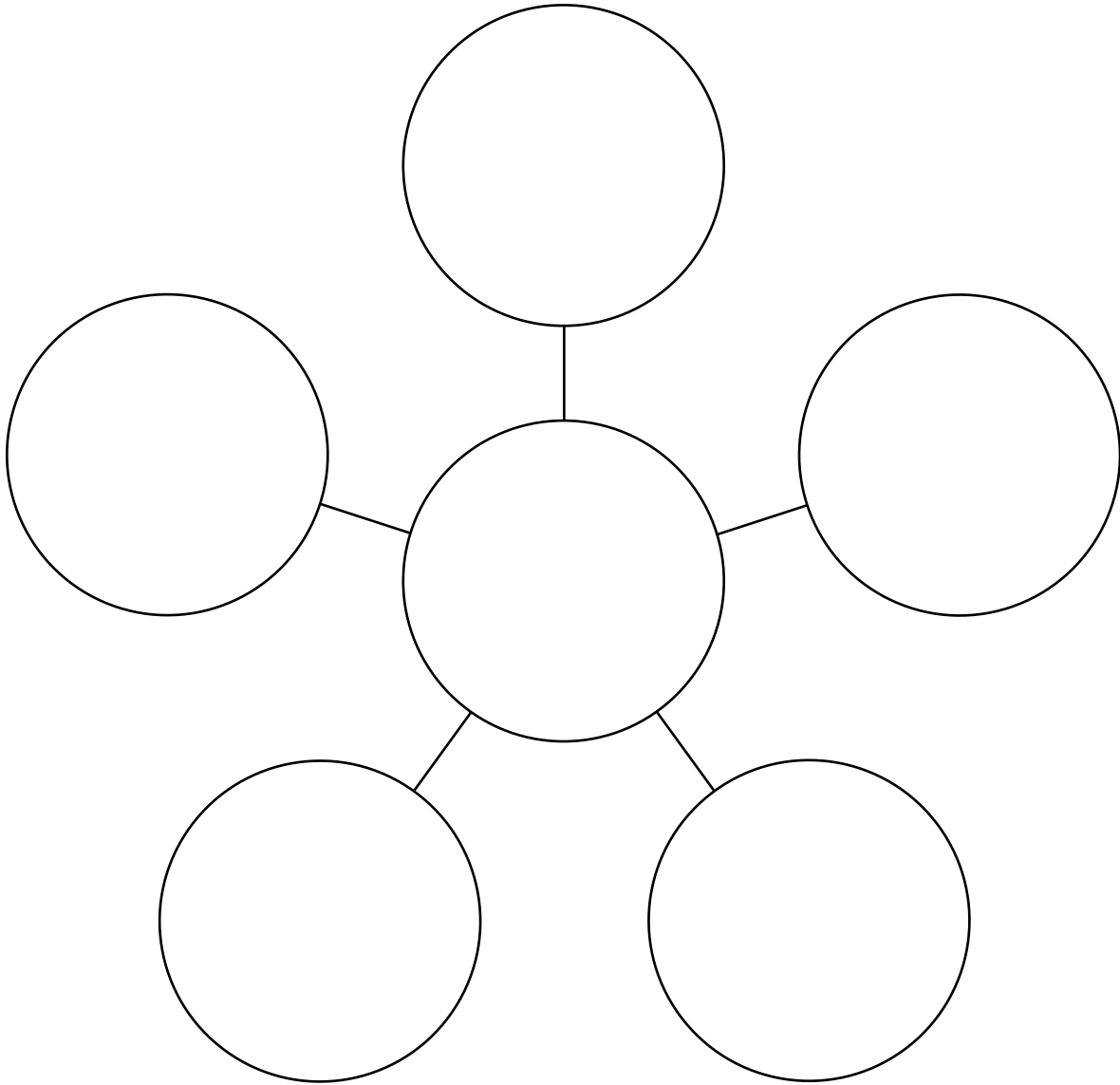
- Distribute a copy of the Concept Web for each student.
- Have each group discuss service project ideas to benefit the people or group the class selected.
- Each group member should take their own notes on the Concept Web.
- Encourage students to also make note of any benefits or advantages an idea might offer, since they will be selecting and advocating for one of the ideas later.

Activity

- Have students select one of the service project ideas they wrote down with their group and write a short persuasive paragraph to convince classmates to vote for that idea. Remind students that when making a claim, it is important to provide support for that claim, such as reasons and evidence.
- Have each student read their paragraphs to the class.
- Ask students to vote with a show of hands for the project the class should compete.
- Distribute a copy of the Student Pledge Card to each student.
- Have students complete the pledge card.
- Remind students that a pledge is a promise to do something.



Concept Web





Student Pledge Card

9/11 DAY

GOOD DEED PLEDGE



For 9/11 Day this year, I will:

My Name _____

My Grade _____ My State _____ My Country _____

School/Teacher _____

Share your pledge on social media and tag us!

✉ @911day @911day @911day 911day.org #911day

