

STEP VI

Organizing the Information You Have Gathered



PURPOSE

As a result of your research you should now have more information on the problem you have selected. Now the entire class should work together to organize the information

recorded on Forms 6, 7, and 8 of Step V and compile it on Form 9 in this lesson. This information will be helpful to the class in fulfilling the tasks in Step VII.

A Organizing the Information You Have Gathered

The entire class should work together to use the information they placed on Documentation Form 6 (Information from Printed Publications), Documentation Form 7 (Information from Interviews or Letters), and Documentation Form 8 (Information from the Internet) in filling out the following Form 9. In doing so, the class should be selective and only include information related to the problem, taking into account such factors as the reliability and comprehensiveness of the information you have gathered.

B Developing a Portfolio and Presentation

To prepare for Step VII, the entire class should work together to record their responses. In Step VII, the class will be organized into four working groups each assigned to work on one of the following four tasks.

1 Explain the problem

Record the description of the problem, its importance, and the need for a solution developed in Form 9.

2 Identify alternative policy solutions to the problem and their advantages and disadvantages

Record the proposed policy solutions from Form 9 and discuss what advantages and disadvantages each might present.

3 Develop a public policy solution for the class to propose

First review the meaning of the term public policy you studied in Step II. Then draft a proposed public policy solution to the problem. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed policy. Suggest what level or levels of government and what agencies of government should be responsible for implementing the policy.

4 Develop an action plan that lists the steps your class should take to gain government acceptance of the policy you are proposing

For some ideas on what might be done, refer to Form 9 where you recorded steps others have taken to get government to implement their policies.