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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ASSIGNMENT #1

Beyond the Classroom Activity

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

During the course of the semester, students will attend one event, either within the university or college campus community, or outside the campus within the community at-large, where they learn from various individuals or groups actively engaged in activities or efforts associated with civic engagement. Within one week of the event, students must prepare and submit a short essay that includes: 1.) a description of the event, and 2.) a discussion of its potential relevance to the study of how values inform, define, and condition the way lives are lived, along with why it is important to the health of a democracy for its citizens to be civically engaged. This short essay should be a minimum of 500 words in length. This assignment must be submitted no later than the last week of class for the semester.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Students will learn through an analysis of an event associated with civic engagement the source and function of values associated with a healthy democracy.
2. Students will compare the values, norms, and ideals of freedom associated with activities or events grounded in civic engagement.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the importance of values, ethics, and social responsibility for the self and for contemporary society related to events or activities anchored in civic engagement.
4. Students will reflect on how values shape personal and community ethics and decision-making as they relate to civic engagement.
5. Students will relate issues surrounding values, ethics, and responsibilities to their own capacities to address ethical and social challenges.