

Project Summary: Solving a Problem in Society That We Care About

Grade Level:

Upper elementary (4th–5th grade), middle school, and high school.

Project Overview:

This project empowers students to address a societal or community problem they deeply care about, such as homelessness, climate change, or pollinator decline. It aligns with Common Core and NGSS standards, providing structured rubrics to evaluate student progress in problem analysis, solution development, and collaboration.

Project Sections:

1. **General Guidelines** - Outlines the project goals and team collaboration structure.
2. **Problem Identification** - Guides students in choosing and defining a societal issue to address.
3. **Population Analysis** - Focuses on understanding the affected population and the problem's scope.
4. **Cause and Solution Exploration** - Encourages brainstorming potential causes and solutions.
5. **Involvement Plan** - Students create and implement a tangible action plan to make an impact.
6. **Follow-Up** - Reflects on the project outcomes and evaluates its societal contribution.

Why Use This Project?

This lesson plan inspires students to become active participants in solving real-world issues. It promotes critical thinking, research, and teamwork while fostering a sense of purpose and community involvement. With clear standards alignment, engaging templates, and practical rubrics, this project ensures meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom.