



Inquiry Skills Culminating Activity *Sample* Ideas

The Taking Informed Action component of the Social Science Standards can be implemented in various ways within your classroom. It is not always feasible to have a culminating activity include a field trip. When considering this final portion of the Inquiry Skills, it is important to note that students need to have *opportunities* to effectively communicate their learning conclusions and take action to inform others or champion for a cause. This can take on *many* different formats in your classroom depending on factors such as time or resources available. Below are some possible activity ideas to help your students communicate conclusions and take informed action, **please note these are sample activities and in no way a complete list!**

Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action

Sample Activities

(not an exhaustive list!)

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- Write a newspaper editorial
 - Create a Facebook or Webpage on an issue
 - Create short public service announcements
 - Write a letter to a government official
 - Present to another class
 - Write an article for the school newspaper
 - Present on the morning announcements
 - Have a debate with invited guests
 - Work collaboratively to write a resolution
 - Contact an organization with whose platform you agree and see how you can get involved
 - Create a class position statement
 - Initiate an informed conversation
 - Organize a “flyer” campaign to raise awareness
 - Organize a fundraising event for a cause
 - Form a club
 - Circulate a petition
 - Write (and perform) a song on an issue
 - Bring stakeholders together for a classroom forum
 - Invite a guest speaker
 - Create a poster and hang it in a public space
 - Create a community education pamphlet
 - Promote a topic on Instagram or Twitter
 - Organize community service
 - Organize a rally
 - Champion a boycott

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What other activity ideas can you come up with that would provide your students the opportunity to effectively Communicate Conclusions and Take Informed Action on their learning?