## Performance-Based Assessment Design Template

| Title of PBA: <br> To Plant or Play: Contributing to Civic Decision Making | Grade Level: 3rd | Subject Area(s): History |
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| "Big Idea"/Subject-Specific Competency: <br> Civics | REAL-WORLD TASK <br> Friendly Letter to exp the betterment of the <br> Type(s) of Task(s): Process Product Performance | (brief description): <br> ress opinion on allocation of funds for whole. <br> $\square$ Verbal Reasoning <br> $\square$ Original Creation <br> $\square$ Other: $\qquad$ |
| TARGETED SOLs (Listed and unpacked, and/or represented in a table of specifications): <br> 3.1 d , f, h, i <br> 3.11 c | Other Targeted Learning Outcomes (e.g., Dispositions, Portrait of a Graduate), $21^{\text {st }}$ Century Skills, Habits of Mind): Writing |  |

Accountability Alignment of Locally Developed Assessment (if applicable):
$\square$ SOL Strands:
Civics
$\square$ SOL Reporting Categories: Civics

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
$\square$ Checklist
$\square$ Rating Scale
$\square$ Holistic Rubric
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Gradations of Performance:

## PROMPT:

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Role:
3 rd grade student
Audience:
School Principal
Scenario:
Decision needs to be made for the good of the whole of the school which respects the rules of the school.

Task:

| Make a decision for the good of the whole |  |
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| RESPONSE FORMAT: |  |
| Friendly Letter |  |
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Considerations for Differentiation of PBA:

- Provide accommodations as listed in 504 plans or IEP.

Directions for Teachers Administering the PBA (i.e., to ensure consistency among student' experience completing the PBA):

- Clarify directions for students
- Clarify terms
- Clarify the format
- Do not provide content
- To be completed in one sitting (on demand)
- Untimed
- Each student will need a testing booklet which includes background information on school gardens and school playgrounds, a friendly letter graphic organizer, prewriting/rough draft/publishing paper, and a glossary. **Be sure all parts of the testing booklet are printed on individual pages. Look out for 'spillage' from one title to a previous page. Adjust, as necessary, before printing and administering.

Instructional Considerations Before, During, and After Administration of the PBA:
Prior Knowledge/Skills:
$\square$ Review the qualities of a good citizen
$\square$ Review writing components of a friendly letter (2 $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade SOL)
$\square$ Review vocabulary from unit
$\square$ Review vocabulary used in prompt/supplemental materials
Degree of Scaffolding During Completion
$\square$ None (independent work)
$\square$ Prompt thinking
Have prompt available for students to reference during the administration of the PBA (projected on the screen and/or as a handout)
$\square$ Guide-on-the-side
Friendly Letter Graphic Organizer
$\square$ Explicit direction
Recommendations for sharing student responses, facilitating students' learning from each other, and/or debriefing students' experience completing the PBA:
$\square$ Have students share out letters as desired with classmates. Have a class discussion; see if any students are thinking in a different way after hearing their peers' ideas.

To Plant or Play: Contributing to Civic Decision Making-Scoring Rubric

|  | Critical Element | Not Attempted (0) | Below <br> Proficient (1) | Pass Proficient <br> (2) | Pass Advanced (3) |
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| Civics | Describing actions that can improve the school and community (3.11c) | No description is given. | Description is based on what the student wants | Description tells how school can be improved, but not for the whole | Description tells how the school can be improved for all to enjoy |
| Citizenship Skills | Summarizing points and evidence to answer a question (3.1d) | Summary does not give any support (no point of view or evidence available) | Summary has one supporting detail (only a point of view or one piece of evidence) | Summary lacking some supporting information (may have some points or evidence) | Summarize with supporting information (points and evidence that answer the question given) |
|  | Determining relationships with multiple cause or effects (3.1f) | There are no cause and effects stated | There is one cause and effect stated | There are some causes and effects stated | There are multiple cause and effects stated |
|  | Use a decisionmaking model to weigh in the costs and the benefits (3.1 h) | The decisionmaking model is not filled out correctly | The decisionmaking model is partially filled out | The decisionmaking model is almost filled out correctly | The decisionmaking model is filled out correctly |
|  | Make an economic choice, comparing both the opportunity cost \& monetary cost of choices with benefits (3.1i) | The venn diagram was not filled out correctly | The venn diagram may compare opportunity, but not monetary or the other way around | Then venn diagram compares some of the opportunity \& monetary costs | The venn diagram compares the opportunity \& monetary costs correctly |
| Written expression | Used writing strategies to communicate the purpose of their idea <br> (Writing 3.9) | Missing 3 or more of the following: audience prewriting topic sentence supporting details | Missing 2 of the following: audience prewriting topic sentence supporting details | Missing one of the following: audience prewriting topic sentence supporting details | Audience is clear, prewriting was used, topic sentence is clearly stated with supporting details |
|  | Usage/Mechanics (Writing 3.10) | Significant errors | Grammatical errors and/or awkward wording that inhibit reading | Some grammatical errors and/or awkward that slow down reading at times | Clearly written and easy to read; few, if any grammatical errors |

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Directions (check off as you complete each task in order):

1. GATHER KNOWLEDGE

Read the enclosed information on the benefits of school playgrounds and school gardens.
2. PREWRITING
$\square$ Complete the Venn diagram comparing the two choices given.

3. PREWRITING
$\square$ Complete the Decision-Making Model
4. WRITE
$\square$ Draft a letter to your principal explaining the decision you made, the costs and benefits of your decision, and why your choice is the best.

## 5. REVISE

Proofread and revise your own work.
6. PUBLISH
$\square$ Write your final letter neatly including all of your revisions.

## Playground Benefits


http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/photograph/40859/kelston-primary-school-pupils-at-play-2007

- Provides opportunity for fun and physical activity
- Slides provide climbing exercise for legs
- Bars provide exercise for arms and shoulders
- Equipment pieces together encourages children to run from one piece to another
- Children are less fidgety and more on-task when they have recess.
- Improves social skills and behavior, including learning how to take turns and exercise self-control waiting on a piece of equipment to open up
- Improves life skills
- Builds citizenship
- Encourages imaginative play

Lundman, S. (n.d.). What Are the Benefits of Installing Children's Playground Equipment? Retrieved from Live Strong: http://www.livestrong.com/article/239867-what-are-the-benefits-of-childrens-playground-equipment/

## School Garden Benefits


http://www.letsmove.gov/school-garden-checklist

- Provides opportunity for fun and physical activity
- Educational tool
- Helps students understand how fruits and vegetables are grown
- Increases eating in fruits and vegetables
- Increases science achievement scores
- Improves social skills and behavior
- Improves life skills, including working in groups
- Improves environmental attitudes, especially in younger students
- Instills appreciation and respect for nature that lasts into adulthood

Let's Move. (n.d.). School Garden Checklist. Retrieved from http://www.letsmove.gov/school-gardenchecklist

NGA Staff. (n.d.). Research Supporting the Benefits of School Gardens. Retrieved from KidsGardening: http://www.kidsgardening.org/node/13152

## PREWRITING

Complete the Venn diagram comparing the choice of having a playground or a garden.


All decisions have involve costs and benefits. Choices involve getting more of one thing by giving up something else. Use your completed venn diagram to make a decision whether to have a playground or a garden.

Complete the Decision-Making Model based on your choice to have a playground or a garden.

| Decision to be made: |  |
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| Benefits |  |
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## Glossary

| benefit | What satisfies your wants |
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| contribution | the act of giving or doing something |
| cost | what you give up when you decide to do something |
| economic choice the choice of or decision among alternatives or possibilities |  |
| garden | vegetables, fruits, or herbs are cultivated |
| opportunity cost | the next best choice that is given up when an economic <br> choice is made |
| physical | of or relating to the body |
| playground | an area used for outdoor play or recreation, especially by <br> children, and often containing recreational equipment such <br> as slides and swings |

