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CASE

Activity 1.2.4 Joining the Team

Purpose

In school, you will have many opportunities to be involved in clubs, groups, sports teams, and other organizations. It is important to your education and personal growth to be involved in one or more of these organizations as you will develop life and career skills that will benefit you. One such organization is FFA. Just by enrolling in this course, you are eligible to be a part of the local, state, and national FFA organizations.

The National FFA Organization is a student organization that is a part of agricultural education. Formerly known as Future Farmers of America, the name was changed in 1988 because there are many more components to FFA than farming. Today, FFA members travel their state, nation, and the world, compete in a variety of events related to future careers, earn money and scholarships for their future, and develop friendships that last a lifetime.

Within FFA, the opportunities to make the most of your high school experience abound. What does FFA have to offer you?

Materials

Per group of students:

Set of FFA Cards

Per student:

FFA Student Handbook

Pencil

Agriscience Notebook

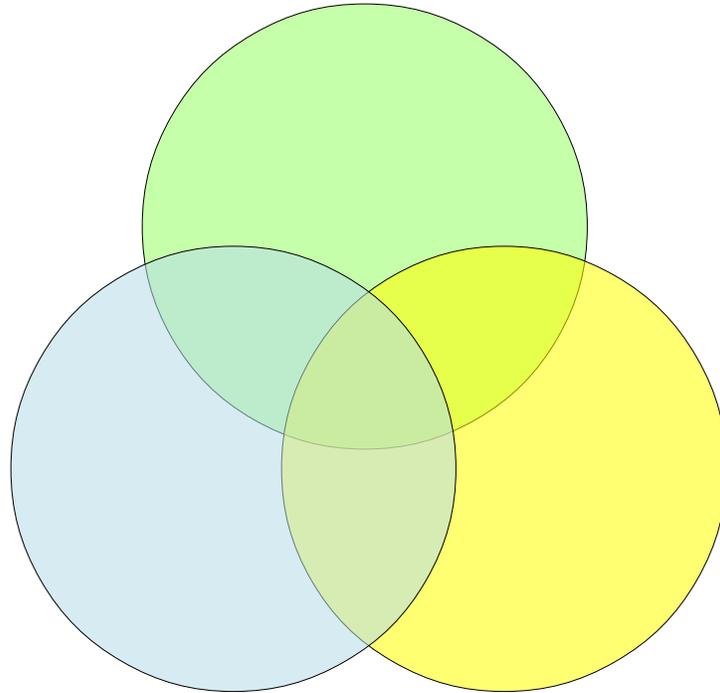
Procedure

In this activity, you will be working in a group of four to discover important information about the National FFA Organization. This information will give you insight into the organization and help you determine if FFA membership is right for you.

Part Two – Getting a Feel for FFA

Explore opportunities that are available to you with FFA membership. Use the *FFA Student Handbook* to answer the following questions.

1. Label the three parts of an agricultural education program. classroom instruction, leadership, experiential learning



The Agricultural Education Model

Why do the circles overlap?

they overlap because they have shared qualities

What are three benefits of joining FFA?

- you can make money
- take place in teamwork
- travel

Select two important dates in the history of FFA and describe why they are important.

Year	Event	Importance
1988	name change	affects how ffa is
1928	future farmers of america established	we wouldnt have the group with out it

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The FFA emblem is comprised of six major components. List those components and discuss what each represents.

Component	Meaning
cross section of an ear of corn	represents unity
rising sun	represents progress
plow	labor and tillage of soil
eagle	symbolizes freedom
owl	knowledge
agricultural education and FFA	signify the combination of learning and leadership

List four opportunities that FFA membership offers that you would like to explore further.

leadership
traveling
earning money
civic engagement

Conclusion

1. Why is being part of a group or organization important for personal growth?

it helps you explore opportunities in the world

2. List three activities in FFA you did not know existed prior to this activity.

you get money, teamwork, travel

3. Based on what you have learned, how will FFA membership benefit you?

you can learn more about how agriculture impacts the world