

Handout B: Identifying Civic Virtues in Current Events

Directions: For the next week (or time period designated by your teacher) conduct a “scavenger hunt” for examples of civic virtue in everyday life. You may describe a situation that happens in your family or another event that you witness, or you may use online, broadcast, or print media to find examples of civic virtue in the news. For each event that you find, complete the following summary and attach the clipping/printed online article. Be prepared to share your stories with your class.

1. Who? (Exercise caution regarding the use of a person’s real name; it may not always be advisable to do so.) _____
2. When did the event happen? _____
3. Where did the event happen? _____
4. What happened? Write a short narrative to explain the facts.
5. Why did the event happen?
6. What civic virtue was demonstrated and how did the individual(s) do so?
7. What short-term and long-term results occurred or seem likely to occur?
8. Explain your personal reaction to the incident described.