

## Handout C: Identifying and Defining Civic Virtues

**Contribution:** Discover your passions and talents, and use them to create what is beautiful and needed. Work hard to take care of yourself and those who depend on you.

**Courage:** Stand firm in being a person of character and doing what is right, especially when it is unpopular or puts you at risk.

**Humility:** Remember that your ignorance is far greater than your knowledge. Give praise to those who earn it.

**Integrity:** Tell the truth, expose untruths, and keep your promises.

**Justice:** Stand for equally applied rules and make sure everyone obeys them.

**Perseverance:** Remember how many before you chose the easy path rather than the right one, and stay the course.

**Respect:** Protect your mind and body as precious things. Extend that protection to every other person you encounter.

**Responsibility:** Strive to know and do what is best, not what is most popular. Be trustworthy for making decisions in the best long-term interests of the people and tasks of which they are in charge.

**Self-Governance:** Be self-controlled, avoiding extremes and not being influenced or controlled by others.

Write down the virtues assigned to your group. For each, identify a person or character in history, literature, or current events who exemplified that virtue. Include an explanation.

Civic Virtue	Person/Character	Why, or How?