

Pick This Up

We are the First Amenders.

Our focus issue is keeping Fort Worth clean.

The people in our group are Joseph, Henry, Grayson, Zane, Annaley, Sofia, Claire, Eleanor, and Emmarie.

The Issue

Our issue is that Fort Worth is full of litter. The root cause that we decided on is a lack of education about why it's important to get rid of trash the right way.

Facts

- There are 3066 illegal dumpsites and 1106 illegal campsites in Fort Worth.
- Between city staff, contractors, and volunteers 9,528,795 pounds of litter were collected from October 2024 to March 2025.

Our goal statement is to address the root cause we will create an education program for youth/young adults about littering. By providing this education, we will help keep our city of Fort Worth clean and provide jobs for people experiencing homelessness. We would like to potentially partner with UpSpire in staffing the program.



Take Action

Individual

- Pick up your own trash and scattered trash and make sure to dispose of it properly.
- Share your personal experience with friends and family

Group

- You can start a youth group to pick up trash in your community
- Also speak to a member of city council and tell them your concern about the problem



What We Learned



Joseph: I learned that to come to consensus you have to be opened minded and reasonable for other ideas.

Henry: I learned that coming to consensus and hearing everyone else's voice in a discussion helps greatly to make decisions as a group.

Grayson: I learned about the advocacy hourglass.

Zane: I learned that there are resources employing the homeless whenever they would like.

Annaley: I learned about working on a issue.

Sofia: What I learned at iengage is that homeless people can contribute to keeping our city clean.

Claire: I learned about the advocacy hourglass and fist to five.

Eleanor: I learned the importance of consensus and how to really listen to others and have a good debate.

Emmarie: I learned the first amendment freedoms!

Bibliography

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Organizations that raise awareness about littering

- Keep America Beautiful
- Clean Up The Lake
- Cowtown Cleanup
- Earth Day