Where Does It Fit?

Sort actions by their purpose.

USG.C.8.2.A "Distinguish among the civic life, political life, and private life of citizens."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CIVIC LIFE

For this sort, civic life means working to meet a community need directly. These actions do not ask the government to make a decision.

A group removes litter from a riverbank.

PRIVATE LIFE

Private life involves personal or family choices. These actions do not aim to meet a community need.

Someone chooses a novel to read at home.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each numbered action, then choose two items and explain how each fits the category you circled.

1.	1. A student sorts donated books for a free neighborhood book swap.	CIVIC PRIVATE
2.	2. A teen chooses a birthday gift for a sibling.	CIVIC PRIVATE
3.	3. A person rearranges furniture in their bedroom.	CIVIC PRIVATE
4.	4. Residents plant trees in a shared community garden.	CIVIC PRIVATE
5.	5. A teen coaches children at a free community sports clinic.	CIVIC PRIVATE
6.	6. A family decides where to go on vacation.	CIVIC PRIVATE
7.	7. A resident collects winter clothes for families in need.	CIVIC PRIVATE
8.	8. Volunteers deliver meals to people who cannot leave home.	CIVIC PRIVATE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of civic life and one new example of private life.

CIVIC _____

PRIVATE _____

CHALLENGE

A student asks the city council to add a crosswalk. Explain how this action differs from the civic-life actions you sorted, even though both address community needs.

ANSWER KEY # Where Does It Fit?

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. A student sorts donated books for a free neighborhood book swap.	**CIVIC**	The student helps provide a free resource for the community.
2	2. A teen chooses a birthday gift for a sibling.	**PRIVATE**	Choosing a family gift is a personal decision.
3	3. A person rearranges furniture in their bedroom.	**PRIVATE**	The action concerns the person's own living space.
4	4. Residents plant trees in a shared community garden.	**CIVIC**	Residents directly improve a shared community space.
5	5. A teen coaches children at a free community sports clinic.	**CIVIC**	The teen helps provide a free activity for community members.
6	6. A family decides where to go on vacation.	**PRIVATE**	The family is making a personal choice.
7	7. A resident collects winter clothes for families in need.	**CIVIC**	The resident directly helps meet a community need.
8	8. Volunteers deliver meals to people who cannot leave home.	**CIVIC**	The volunteers directly help people in the community.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CIVIC**: A resident helps run a free coat exchange for the community.
- **PRIVATE**: A student chooses a poster for their bedroom.

Challenge: The student is asking the government to make a public decision, so the action is political life. The civic-life actions in the sort meet community needs directly without asking the government to act.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect each chosen action to a direct community benefit or a personal or family choice. The challenge introduces political life as a related category focused on government decisions.