

2.1 Career Education

Making Connections With Your Community Reflection

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## Instructions: this reflection is all about your connections with your geographic community.

Follow the directions in the **Book 2.1 “Making Connections with Your Community”.** As always, practice making deep and meaningful connections as this is the skill you’re trying to build.

1. What does it mean to “weigh the pros and cons” when making decisions?

2. What does the concept of “Everything is Relative” mean and why is it *relevant* in decision making?

3.Brainstorm as many features of your town as can – both physical and ‘humanmade’ as directed in the Book 2.1.

a) Natural Features:

b) Human Developed Features:

4. Now the important part. Attempt to connect what you understand about the place you know so well <- > with the person you have been learning about (minimum **10 well stated examples**!). Connect the features of your town in as many ways as you can with the things you **value** and have **interests** in. Include ways you and your town fit well (aka Pros) and/or things that you think are not great or missing (aka Cons). Consider a rating scale using letters or numbers to quantify your Pros and Cons.

(Pro example 1. One of the things I value the most is to being active outside. My town has created many hiking/biking trails, river walks, and park settings. I would give my town an ‘A’ for this particular asset as it fits well with my desire to enjoy the outdoors).

(Pro ex #2. This kind off relates to the first one on the theme of needing to be outdoors. One of the things that has driven me indoors and destroyed many outings in other places is the sheer volume of mosquitos. I CAN’T stand them. I have an allergic reaction and the itching and swelling ruin my outdoor experiences. Thankfully, the population of the pests is very low in my town, so they are not an issue. This is not a ‘natural’ feature I would be able to live with. Another ‘A’.)

(Con ex. #3 One more. One of the things I grew up with was being near the ocean. This is one physical element that my town is certainly missing. The sounds, smells, life forms that it contains, all call me back any chance I can. As many Pros as my town has, on this one it gets a failing mark).