

Name and Date _____

Handout 2: Cloverville's Sidewalk Proposals

Directions: Cloverville¹ is a town with a population of 29,754. The town of Cloverville is reviewing a proposal to improve the sidewalks in town. As a group, read, analyze, and discuss each source in Handout 3. Complete the chart and questions below. Each student should complete their own handout.

	Describe the source.	Describe the purpose of the source.	Identify whether the source is credible and describe what information you used to evaluate its credibility.
Source 1			
Source 2			
Source 3			
Source 4			

¹ Cloverville—A fictional town. All information provided has been created for this activity and does not reflect a real town.

1. If you were a town council member in Cloverville, would you vote in favor of or against the proposal to improve sidewalks? Answer this question on your own.

INDIVIDUAL VOTE:

YES

NO

2. Suppose your group is the town council. As a group, would you vote in favor or against the sidewalk proposal? Answer this question as a group.

GROUP VOTE (majority of the group):

YES

NO

3. Provide **two** reasons why your group chose to vote in favor of or against the proposal. Include evidence from the sources in Handout 3 to support your reasoning.

4. Describe **two** actions that members of a community should take when evaluating information from news or social media about a public policy issue.

5. Explain why it is important to have a free press in a democratic society. Use your group's experience in this activity to support your answer.