



Fundraising

General Instructions:

This task has three parts: **Part 1** has one question; **Part 2** has three questions and **Part 3** has an essay - an argumentative article on a topic related to the sources.



Every day, different charities make phone calls, send letters, and knock on doors to ask people to donate money to a cause. Some of these causes are local in your community and directly affect you. Others are thousands of miles away in different continents. Which fundraising effort is more worthwhile and beneficial to people in general?

For this task, you will be writing an argumentative article related to the topic of fundraising. Before you write your article, you will review three sources that provide information about fundraising and give opposing viewpoints about whether local and global fundraising is more helpful.



Instructions to begin:

After you have reviewed these sources, you will write the important points from each source. Briefly scan the sources and the questions that follow. Then, go back and read the sources carefully to gain the information you will need to answer the questions and write an article.

In Part 3, you will write an argumentative article on a topic related to the sources.

You will now read the three sources. You may go back to any of the sources and the important points as often as you like.

Source 1

Fundraising Efforts

Fundraising and donating to charities can be a wonderful and rewarding experience for everyone involved. Many organizations rely a great deal on the money that is generated from fundraisers. Sometimes, this money is the only revenue that keeps the organization up and running. Without it, it is possible that the charity will no longer be able to function successfully.

When schools and companies decide to hold fundraisers, a couple of big decisions need to be made. First, they will need to come up with a creative event that will attract as many people as possible. Next, they will need to decide who will benefit from the money that is generated. This is usually the harder decision to make.

There are so many worthy causes that deserve the funds that are collected during an event. There are charities for people who are sick or homeless. There are also charities for animals that might have been abused or abandoned. Another thought to consider is whether you want your efforts to go to helping your local community or possibly a community in another country. It can be very rewarding to know that you have made a difference in the life of someone or something on the other side of the world.

It is true that some people might feel more strongly about donating to one charity or another for a specific reason. Events in their own lives may cause them to feel a need to help a certain group of people in a particular area. The fact is that wherever the money



ends up going, someone who needed help can now receive some support, which is why fundraising is so amazing.

Source 2

Local Fundraising

Having pride in your local community and your surroundings is so important. Your community is where you spend most of your time and where many of the people that you associate with reside. Keeping your community vibrant and well taken care of will directly affect you and your family.

Volunteering your time and money to a specific cause can make you feel great. Being able to actually see that time or money is going to good use can make you feel even better. That's why when you decide which charity to donate to, your immediate neighbourhood is a great place to start. The woman with two small children who is in line behind you at the store of the family you met at the park might need your assistance, and most likely you wouldn't even realize it.

Many communities have local charitable organizations. There might be food drives during the holidays or clothing drives during the colder winter months. Your community might even be involved in a housing effort for people who are currently homeless due to an unfortunate event that may have happened in their lives. Donating to these local charities will directly help people that you pass on the street every day. Helping people who need it in your community will serve to keep your community a happy, successful place. Not only are you contributing to the cause, but you are also giving a little back to yourself.

Think of the following situation for a moment. You received a pamphlet in the mail from a wildlife fund in another country asking for a small donation. It seems like a worthy cause and you love animals, so why not? Before you decide to mail your donation, think about your local animal shelters. They take in stray animals from your own community and help them to find good homes. Think about how worried you would feel if your dog got out of your yard and could not find its way back home. Someone might bring your dog to the animal shelter where it would be taken care of until you came to retrieve it. Without these local shelters, stray animals might have to stay living as strays and there would be no place for someone to bring your pet if it should ever get lost. That wildlife fund in another country is probably a very good organization that is doing wonderful things for the animals it



protects but wouldn't it nice to see your contributions go to local organization that is doing something wonderful right where you live.

Anytime you decide to donate to a charitable organization, you should feel good about your decision. Your time or money is going to help someone in need wherever it might be; however, helping the needy that live in your own community brings an added satisfaction to your good deed. You now are able to see a change for the better happening right in front of your eyes. That is the gift you will receive back for contributing to a local cause.

Source 3

Global Fundraising

You might be surprised at how different you would be to live in another part of the world. If you have never travelled outside of the country and experienced different cultures, you likely would not realize how fortunate you really are to be living as you do. It is true you probably know someone who may have more luxuries than you but imagine what life would be like without all the things you actually do have. People around the world live without many of our everyday comforts, but there are ways that you can help them. Many charitable organizations look for donations to help needy people living in other countries. These organizations often focus on different group of people in different areas of the world.

Some of these charities help to provide for people medical treatments that they could not otherwise afford. If we do not feel well, most of us are able to go to the doctor and receive medicine that will help us feel better. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to do this. In many parts of the world, there may not be a doctor or hospital service available. Even if there are doctors to visit, they may not have the medicine to treat the specific illnesses. This causes many people to remain sick for much longer than they should, or worse yet, they may not get better at all. Donating money to a charity that provides this medical care could help save a person's life. The more that the charity is able to collect, the more people it is able to help.

We have all heard of some of the natural disasters that have taken place in other countries. It is sad that sometimes things happen that are out of our control, but again, there are ways for you to help. Organizing a fundraiser that will collect various items that are needed and money that is required to rebuild a community would be so appreciated by



the people that are affected. Being a part of the rebirth of a town or city is a very rewarding experience. It would make you feel great to know you made a difference in helping others get back on their feet!

There are areas in some foreign countries that are extremely poor. Some of the people that live in these areas do not have enough food to eat even once a day. Think about what it would be like to not know when you might be able to eat again. This is a reality for many of these people. There are charities that focus on providing nutritious food to these parts of the world. By giving people nourishing food to eat every day, it helps to keep whole communities healthy.

Thankfully, our country does a very good job helping the people that live here. It has many plans in place to try and protect Jamaicans from being hungry or having to live without medical care. If a disaster should occur, the government would step in and try to help in any way it could. Not every country can provide these things to its people. Therefore, it is so important for us to support the charitable organizations that can and do help people in less fortunate countries. These global charities help to change people's lives in ways we may never fully understand.

Write the important points from the sources

Source 1	
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Source 2	
Source 3	



Instructions for Part 1

1. For each of the following statements, indicate using a check (✓) whether the information can be found in source 1, source 2, both sources or neither source support each statement. (Only one box can be ticked for each statement)

Statement	Source 1 supports	Source 2 supports	Source 3 supports	All three sources support	Neither of the sources supports
A couple of big decision need to be made by schools and companies when they decide to have fundraising event.					
Donating to a wildlife fund in another is a good idea but wouldn't it be great to see your contribution doing wonderful things right here where you live?					
There are people in some foreign countries who do not have enough to eat three healthful meals a day.					
Charities are important both locally and globally. Their funds change lives every day.					
You should only donate to local charities.					



Instructions for Part 2

Answer the questions in the space provided. For help, you may refer to any of the sources as well as the important points at any time.

2. "Think about how worried you would feel if your dog got out of your yard and could not find its way back home."

The above sentence in the second source is said to be the least relevant to the argument and should not be included. Do you **agree** or **disagree**? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Why might students feel as if they should support a global fundraising effort? Provide specific reasons from at least two sources in your answer. Be sure to name each source.



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4. Which evidence would most strongly support the argument to fundraise for a local cause? Support your answer with at least two details from the sources.

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Instructions for Part 3

You may look back at the sources, your answers to the questions in Parts 1 & 2, and refer to the important points at any time, they will help you. Now read your assignment and the information about how your fantasy story will be scored; then begin your work.

Your assignment:

Your school is planning a fundraising event and trying to decide on a worthy cause. One group of students want to raise money to provide necessary supplies to the local animal shelter. Another group wants to raise money to send to an international organisation that provides supplies to restore school buildings around the world damaged by natural disasters. Decide which group you want to support and write a multi-paragraph article arguing for that group's preference. In your article, you will take a side whether you will raise money for a local or global charity. Your article will be read by the teachers and students at your school. In your article clearly state your argument and support your argument with reasons that thoroughly developed using information from the sources.



REMEMBER: Your argumentative article will be scored using the following:

1. **Statement of purpose and organization:** How well did you clearly state your opinions on the topic? How well did you maintain your focus?
2. **Organization:** How well did your ideas logically flow from the introduction to the conclusion? How often did you use effective transitions? How well did you stay on the topic throughout the article?
3. **Elaboration and evidence:** How well did you provide evidence from the sources about your argument? How well you elaborative with specific information?
4. **Language and vocabulary:** how well did you effectively express your ideas? How often did you use precise language appropriate for your audience and purpose?
5. **Conventions:** How well did you follow the rules of grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization and spelling.

Now begin work on your argumentative article. Manage your time carefully so that you can:

1. Plan your multi-paragraph narrative
2. Write your multi-paragraph narrative
3. Revise and edit the final draft of multi-paragraph narrative

For **Part 2**, you are being asked to write a multi-paragraph narrative. Write your response on a separate sheet of paper. You may refer to your answers, important points and the sources.