

Grassroots Community Tours

Choosing the Sections of Your Tour Guide



The Scoop

Here's what your group's community tour guide can include. Once you've determined your plan, your tour guide will be a 12 to 24 page long document (size: 8.5 x 11). Your team will determine what goes into the tour guide and how long it is. Below are a few section ideas. The first list of sections is necessary. The next list is optional. It all depends on what you think is needed to best represent your community to others.

Necessary Sections

Section (youth name section titles)	Section Details	Section Length (# of pages)
Front and back covers	What images, words, and messages do you want to convey with your covers that also grab peoples attn.?	2 pgs
Acknowledgements / authors	List all of the authors, supporters, interviewees, researchers, and others you'd like to acknowledge	1 pg
Community map	A map of the community that also highlights all the tour sties with a symbol (full legend) is critical.	1 to 2 pgs
Community history overview	Write an essential and brief community history to help set the context for the tour locations.	1 pg
Tour sites (8 to 12)	Refer to the Tour Guide manual for this.	4 to 12 pgs
List of community resources	Create a list of resources used during the tour, as well as other useful sources that were gathered. Try to annotate.	½ pg to 1 pg
Solutions to community problems	As students study their community, its important for them to generate positive solutions already going on – along with their visions of self-reliance and change.	½ pg to 1 pg

Optional Sections

Section (youth name section titles)	Section Details	Section Length (# of pages)
Community interview(s)	Based on interviews students obtain, print excerpts of one or more people and include photos of them in the community.	1 to 2 pgs
Community demographics	Present information on the demographics (U.S. Census), community statistics,	1 pg
Community (s)heroes	Highlight the profiles of 5 to 10 community (s)heroes with a brief biography on each person and a photograph.	½ pg to 1 pg
Student author features	Highlight the profiles of each student author with a brief statement from each author and a photograph / image.	1 pg
Other?		
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Create Your Mock Up (imagining a 20 page tour guide)

How do we create our mock-up? Once you've decided which sections you'll feature in your tour guide from the List of Possible Sections, you'll place these sections in the mock-up below. Remember to repeat that section title for the correct # of pages you think that section will be.

Tips: 1) Think about the best order of sections based on what you want the reader to know and understand in the order you think is best; 2) Notice how pages come in two pg spreads (2 and 3, 4 and 5, etc.) and can be used to feature connected information / images with both pages side by side; and 3) You can always change things later.

Front cover

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Back cover

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