

RESEARCH: Types of Altruism

Philanthropy is just one facet of altruism: the practice of caring for the needs and happiness of other people. Altruism can show up in many different ways, like a small act of kindness, a weekly volunteer shift, or a lifelong commitment to activism. In this activity, you'll collaborate to research and define formalized types of altruism that are common in the U.S.

Part I: Research

With your group, you will research one form of altruism. Be sure to take notes on key points, so that you're ready to share out your findings with the rest of the class later on.

- Follow your teacher's directions to choose one of the terms below.
 - ☐ Community service (volunteerism)
 - ☐ Crowdfunding
 - ☐ National service
 - ☐ Service learning
 - ☐ Nonprofit
 - ☐ 501(c)(3)
 - ☐ Philanthropy
 - ☐ Mutual aid
- For your assigned term, do online research to identify the core understandings of your term then answer the questions that follow. Follow your teacher's directions to complete the table below.

Term	Guiding Questions	Notes	Sources
Community service (volunteerism)	- What is community service? - How can you get engaged in community service? - What volunteer benefits are offered by some companies?		

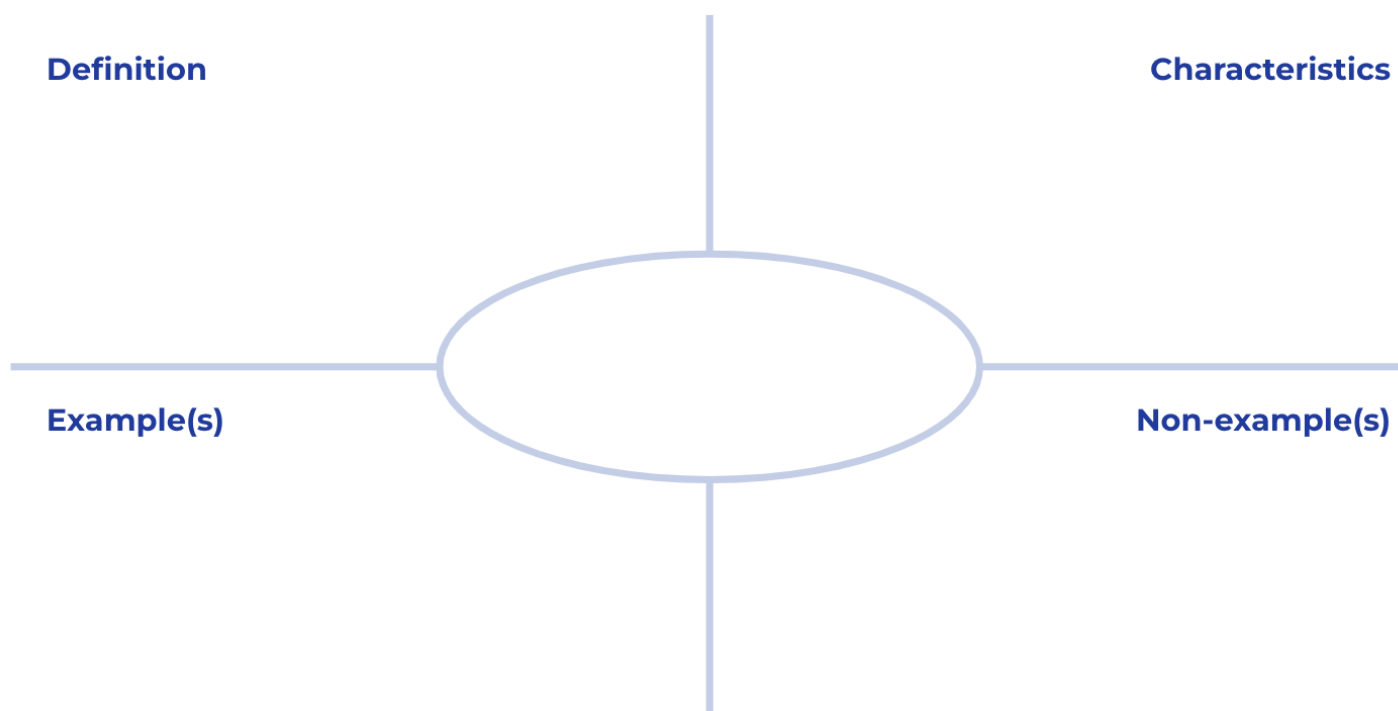
Crowdfunding	• What is crowdfunding? • What are popular crowdfunding platforms? • Are donations tax deductible?		
National service	• What is national service? • What are the most popular national service programs? • What are some possible pros & cons?		
Service learning	• What is service learning? • What are common examples of service learning? • What are some possible pros & cons?		
Nonprofit	• What is a nonprofit? • How are nonprofits, charities, and 501(c)(3)s related? • What are the requirements for nonprofits?		
501(c)(3)	• What is a 501(c)(3)? • What restrictions are placed on 501(c)(3)s? • What are the benefits of donating to a 501(c)(3)?		

Philanthropy	• What is philanthropy? • What role does philanthropy play in the U.S.? • How does philanthropy differ from charity?		
Mutual aid	• What is mutual aid? • What are common examples of mutual aid? • How does mutual aid differ from philanthropy and charity?		

Part II: Presentations

In this part of the activity, each group will share out what they learned from their research. First, prepare by completing a Frayer Model to describe your term. Then, you will present your term to the rest of the class.

3. Follow your teacher's instructions to complete a Frayer Model describing your term, either on this worksheet, on chart paper, or on a slide. Write your term in the center, then fill in the four quadrants with the term's definition, characteristics, examples, and non-examples.



4. Follow your teacher's directions to present your term to the rest of the class.

While presenting

- Summarize what your term means
- Explain any examples or images
- Ask: What are other examples? Non- examples?

While others are presenting

- Listen actively
- Add bullet point notes for each term to your research chart from Part I
- Contribute to the discussion with questions and additional examples

Part III: Reflection

You've learned about some of the different types of altruism. To wrap up, you'll pull out key takeaways and consider how you could put this knowledge into practice.

5. What two ways could you be altruistic without donating money?
6. When you're donating money, why might it be important to know what type of organization it's going to? (ie. a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), crowdfunding campaign, etc)
7. Reflect on the role that altruism plays in your life. Which of these types of altruism are you most interested in?