

*Sociology 355 – Drugs and Society*  
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**The Problem:**

The class approached The Mayville-Portland-Clifford-Galesburg (MPCG) School District to gauge their interest in having a program developed for the observance of the annual Drug Awareness Week. The District Leadership agreed.

The following scenario was established for the course: The class divided into four groups in order to develop a curriculum that could be used for the observance of “Red Ribbon Week” (Alcohol and Drug Awareness) in the MPCG School District and community for the fall of 2005. The groups were Elementary School, Middle School, Senior High School, and Community. Each group selected a Facilitator, an Encourager, a Critic, a Task Master and a Recorder. Additional group members were designated Researchers. The Facilitator met with the designated Safe and Drug Free School Committees of the school district as they planned for the 2004 Red Ribbon Week observance. Each group member then worked with the Committee in making presentations for 2004. Members of the group participated in at least one activity in the designated school or in the community as assigned. The final project was some 20 pages in length and was well received by the school district.