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Handout

Exploring Community in Three Ways

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	Draw an image that represents this idea about community.	Write the main idea of this sentence in three or four words.	Write a question that this idea raises for you.
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