

Self-Assessment Rubric for Microlending Project

While the main goal for our microlending project is to change the world for the better, there are also several required objectives we are trying to master as we work through our loans. Use this sheet to assess your own mastery of these objectives. Be sure to list any work products that you think prove you have mastered each objective.

Objectives

I can create written products that incorporate information from multiple sources. This means I am looking in more than one place—the If It Were My Home website, the country profile sites posted on our blog, searches for current events—for evidence that supports my lending decisions. This also means I am including references to each of these sources in the posts I am adding to our Kiva blog.

Work products that prove I have mastered this objective:

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I can create written products that use reasoning and evidence to support my claims. This means that the posts I am adding to our Kiva blog include enough elaboration—statistics from the If It Were My Home website, references to current events, connections to our classroom lending priorities, and so on—to convince a reader that my lending decisions were well thought out and reasonable.

Work products that prove that I have mastered this objective:

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I can explain how living in a poor country has a direct impact on an individual's quality of life.

This means that I am constantly looking at common quality-of-life indicators—GDP per capita, life expectancies, unemployment rates, access to education and health care—in the countries that I am making loans to. I can make comparisons between those rates and the rates in developed nations like the United States. This also means that I can use quality-of-life indicators to defend my lending decisions and that I can incorporate references to those indicators in every product I create for our Kiva blog.

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I can work through disagreements in a productive way. This means that when the members of my group struggle with a lending decision, I can use strategies like questioning, prioritizing, and light voting to help people come to consensus. This also means that I never shy away from—or let my group shy away from—conflict. Instead, we address every disagreement openly and honestly with one another.

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Questions to Consider

1. If you had to rank the objectives in order from the one you feel the most comfortable with to the one that you feel the least comfortable with, what would your rankings look like? Why?
2. What help do you need from your teachers or your peers in order to increase your mastery of the objectives?