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## STUDENT PREPARATION GUIDE

# PART OF ADVOCACY IS TELLING YOUR STORY WHAT IS YOUR FFA STORY?

1. How did you get started in agricultural education/FFA?

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2. Why did you stay involved in agricultural education/FFA?

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3. What challenges/set-backs have you encountered?

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4. What successes/highlights have you encountered?

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5. What lessons have you learned throughout your involvement?

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6. Why would you encourage someone else to participate?

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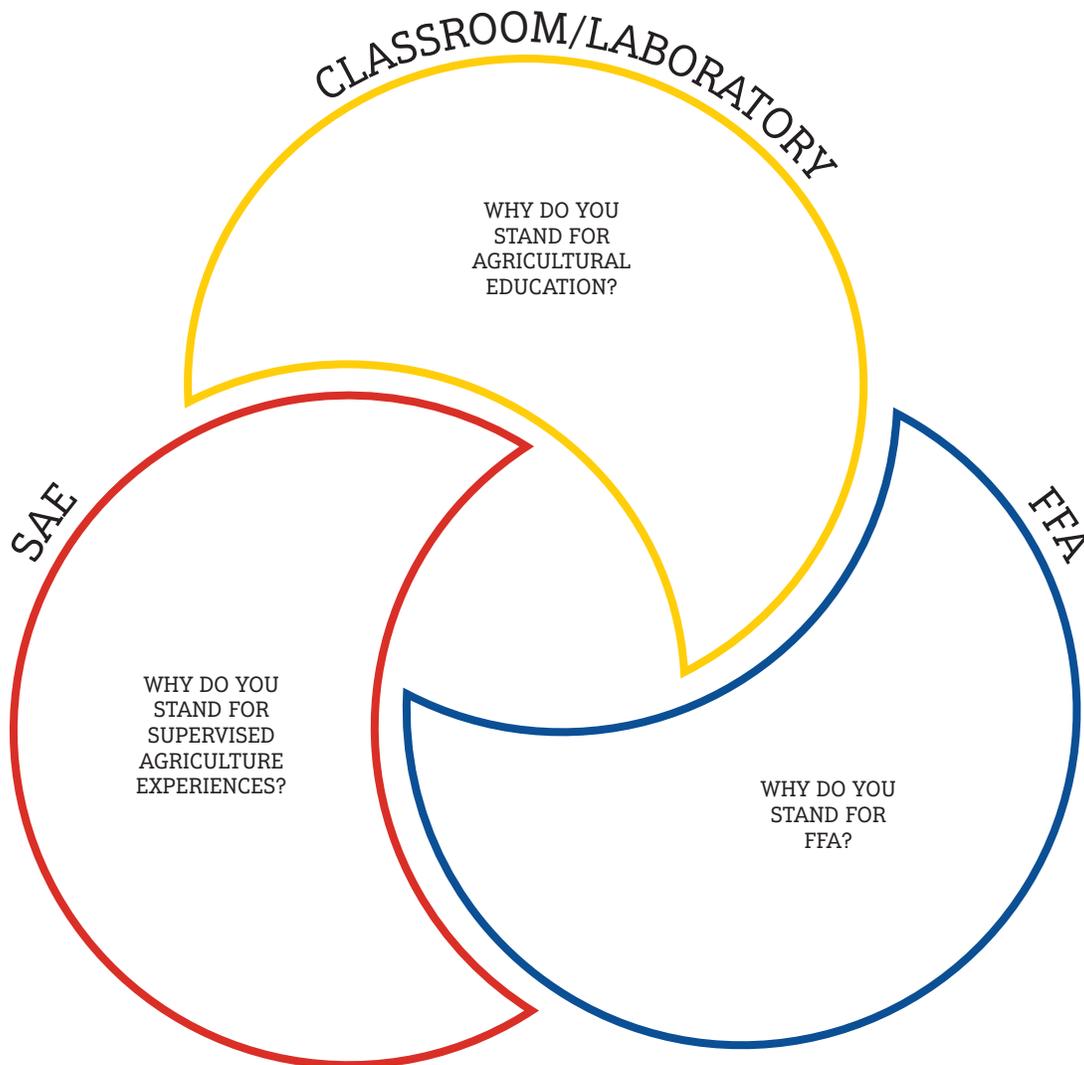


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# STRENGTHEN YOUR STORY TAKE A STAND

As an FFA member at Day at the Capitol, you represent and will be asked to advocate or “stand” for all three circles of the agricultural education model. Reflect on what each circle means to you in the spaces below.





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# TAILORING YOUR STORY

It's always important to keep our audience in mind when telling our story. Take a moment to reflect, talk and capture notes about each possible scenario listed below. Think about how your FFA story may be adapted and adjusted for each situation.

### SCENARIO 1

You are on/at a legislative visit as planned and the legislator was a former FFA member.

### SCENARIO 2

You are on/at a legislative visit as planned and the legislator was not a former FFA member.

### SCENARIO 3

You are at a legislative visit; however, the legislator was called away and a legislative aide in charge of researching agricultural topics and legislation will be visiting with you.

### SCENARIO 4

You are at a legislative visit; however, the legislator was called away and a legislative aide with no agricultural background will be visiting with you and sharing key messages with the legislator.





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# PLANNING THE VISIT

What should our demeanor be during these visits?

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What characteristics or qualities would be most appropriate for our visits?

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How should we interact with those we visit?

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What information should we share?

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What questions might we ask during the visit?

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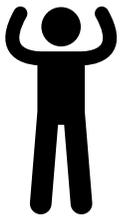
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**FOR THE RIDE HOME**

**HIGH**



What did I enjoy about today's visits?

**LOW**



What about today's visits do I wish would have gone differently?

**WHOA**



What is something I will never forget about today's visits?