Community Connections
Cross-Curricular Focus: History/Social Sciences

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The local city government is usually an elected mayor and city council. It is their job to listen to the people of the community and help them connect. Some individuals may move on, but the community remains.

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

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2) What is one of the public services that your community offers to the people who live there?

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3) What is a local community?_____

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4) What is an example of a service business in your community? _____

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