

# Newsletter 2021

# REALITY TOWN<sup>®</sup>

## What's New

## Website Resources

## 2022 Update coming

## Things to Check Out

*"Yes, an optimist can be wrong – in the same way that a pessimist can be wrong, but the optimist is far happier."*

[Please help by completing a short survey](#)

**R.E.A.L.  
Curriculum**  
Makers of the Reality  
Town Program<sup>®</sup>

## WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome back to another school year. I can't believe its October already. While we are not yet done with the Pandemic things have eased up a bit for a little more normalcy. R.E.A.L. Curriculum is still around and ready to serve you as you ease back in to holding events this year. We are still offering our COVID presentation Flash Drive that can be used in the classroom as an advisor class period activity or as online learning. While not as fun as the larger events we had quite a few schools use it last year and said it worked well.

We hope to hear from you if we haven't already as you prepare for your Reality Town events.

**Order Forms & Free Downloads:** Under "Resources" on our website is where you find order forms, the job application, and other free downloads.

**Update:** Our economy has changed since our 2019 Update. Like you, we are not sure if it will settle back down or if we will see much high prices in the future. We have decided that we do need to update a few of the businesses but, have decided to wait and see on some of the other businesses. **We will be coming out with a new update after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.** We are not expecting it to be as big as the last update. We know of at least 3 businesses need updating.

**We could use your help on this update.** Please take a minute and complete this [short survey](#).

## Kit parts wearing out?

Parts are available from us. "Updates & Parts" order form is found under the Resource link at the top of the home page at [www.realitytown.com](http://www.realitytown.com).

You can also order directly off the website under "products". The Parts item link is above the pictures.

Individual business instructions are available for \$1.60 each.

## Things to Check Out!

Ideas for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

On-line Submit Feature

Pre & Post Assessments

Fillable PDF Job Application

Easy Portable Stands

**TIME SAVER** – Use the “Pay Stub Template”. Copy and paste your student list into the spreadsheet. The jobs are in a drop-down menu so that if you start to type the job it will appear for you to click on. This template is found under “Recourses”. This template uses Excel.

## ON-LINE SUBMIT FEATURE

**We encourage you to check out this feature.** Students have a lot more buy-in when they get to choose their own job. Check out the site it only takes students a few minutes to input the information and it can even be done from home. This is an on-line service that we provide for the low cost of \$24.95. All you need to do is let us know when you plan to have your students submit and send us a copy of your master list.

When your students are done submitting, we do a check and send you a Report of any students that have not submitted.

## ON-LINE SUBMIT WEBSITE INFORMATION:

The link for this feature is found at [realitytown.com](http://realitytown.com) under “Resources”

Make sure students receive a “Thank you for submitting” message. Some students need to submit twice to get their request to go through. We are working with the form developer to find out why this is happening. In the meantime, have students check to make sure the request was submitted.

Please let us know if you have problem so that we can help you find another method of submitting.

## Fillable PDF Job Application

Download the Fillable PDF from our website under “Resources” and share it with your students. It gives them practice for filling out a Job Application and makes it easier to read if you are inputting student job requests.

## BANNER STANDS

Tired of using and storing those old PC pipe stands? Think about upgrading to these easy to assemble and set-up banner stands. They come in a nice carrying bag for storing or sharing between schools \$1,320.00 For a set of 24.



## PRE & POST ASSESSMENTS

We have shared a link on our website for conducting a Pre & Post Assessment. We would like to thank Marva Lewis of Grand County Middle School for sharing this assessment with us. At this point it is in a Google Form so you will need to email us and have us send you your results or make a copy of the form in your “Google Drive”.

## REALITY TOWN VARIATION

### Idea for using Reality Town with Older Students

A few years ago, I was asked by the high school where I teach to run Reality Town for our Jr. class with the emphasis of getting more students to be more serious about their “after high school plan”. I approached this idea with much skepticism as we already run Reality Town at our middle schools, so I was surprised at how well this worked. We adapted some things as our goal was different for our Juniors. We didn’t emphasis the budgeting but rather what is a living wage and what do you need to do to get to that wage. I have shared what we did with you on our website – under our “Resources” the information is titled “Reality Town Variation “

We are also working on a High School version of Reality Town which will cover the cost of someone just out of High School. Look for it next year.