

上外版 高二年级 选择性必修一 第二单元 第1课时
学案（教师版）

课时学习目标：

能理解语篇的结构和内容；

能理解和判断语篇的写作目的、作者的观点、意向等；

能体会和学习志愿者精神，如博爱、互助、责任感等。

1. Q: Have you ever done or heard about these volunteer activities? What are their responsibilities as volunteers?

Answers may vary.



nursing home volunteer



school volunteer



environmental volunteer



nature reserve volunteer

2. Q: Can you find the synonyms or explanations of the highlighted words in the passage?

I love volunteering at the animal **shelter**! It's nice that there is a safe place for the poor homeless animals to live in. Also we are looking for people who are willing to adopt them as pets.

This summer we are going to start a new **campaign** called "**Donate** and Create". The activities are meant to ask people to give us money and create a new life for the animals. The donation will help us keep the place running, otherwise the animals will live on the streets again and even face the **threat** and danger of losing their lives. We are also thinking about organising a **march**. The volunteers are going to walk around the town with the sign "Donate and Create" to make more people know about us.

If you are considering **purchasing** a pet, please be noted that you can adopt one from our animal shelter instead. The cats and dogs here are just as cute as those you buy.

3. Choose the best answer.

- This text is most probably from ____ C _____.
A. a letter B. a poster C. a newspaper D. an advertisement
- The writer is trying to ____ D _____.
A. persuade readers to do volunteer work
B. inform readers of volunteer opportunities
C. entertain readers with fun facts about volunteering
D. provide information about exceptional volunteers.

3. According to the text, young people do volunteer work most probably because they _____ B_____.
- A. want to tell stories about volunteer work
 - B. find volunteering experiences rewarding
 - C. are eager to use their skills and knowledge
 - D. need to find out the truly important things in life

4. Complete the table with information from the text.

Who?	How old?	Why?	How?
Joris	10	He wanted to save cheetahs from the very real threat of extinction.	He sold lemonade, flowers and T-shirts, and organised skating parties and a garage sale and donated the earnings to a wildlife conservation organisation.
Jake and Max	14	<i>They wanted to make it easy for young people to find suitable volunteer opportunities.</i>	<i>They launched a website/database to allow young people to search for volunteer opportunities.</i>
Jackson	17	<i>He has realised that plastic pollution is a serious problem.</i>	<i>He serves as president of an environmental club, organising campaigns for environmental protection.</i>
Xiao Meng	20	<i>She loves the Forbidden City and its history.</i>	<i>She remembered every detail of the 176 clocks in the clock gallery and works as a volunteer tour guide there.</i>

5. Q: Is there any similarity between these volunteers?

They are all pretty young.

They all care about social problems or have a passion for things in their life.

They all took action and tried their best to help.

6. Q: Whose story impresses you the most? Why?

(Answers may vary)

7. Please answer the following questions.

1. How do you understand the title “Growing up While Making a Difference”?

The meaning of the title is twofold. Firstly, these volunteers are all at a young age. As they're getting older, they are making an influence and changing the world into a better place. Secondly, while the young volunteers make their contributions and change the world, they are also growing spiritually and making themselves a better person.

2. Find an example in the text that illustrates “making a difference”.

Joris raised more than 14,000 dollars to purchase GPS collars that track and protect cheetahs.

Jake and Max has made a big difference. An average of 100 visitors are viewing Jake and Max's website every day and a growing number of organisations such as animal shelters and urban farming groups are requesting to be listed on the website, so that many people can have information of and access to volunteer opportunities thanks to their website.

The march and campaign that Jackson launched raised local people's awareness of water rights and the importance of using paper water bottles.

Xiao Meng to be making her difference, as she helped visitors have a better understanding of the history behind the clocks with her knowledge and story-telling skills.

3. At the end of the text, the author says, “Volunteering gives you a chance to value what you have and focus on the truly important things in your life.” What do you think are “the truly important things” in life?

The truly important things in life can be different for different people. For Joris, it's saving cheetahs from going extinct; for Jake and Max, it's providing access to volunteer opportunities for young people; for Jackson, it's raising people's awareness of plastic pollution; and for Xiao Meng, it's spreading Chinese culture. For us, it can be whatever we value, such as world peace, rural development, preservation of traditional culture, and so on. In other words, we may consider different things as the truly important things in life, but as long as we are doing something to help, we are all making a difference.