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NIMBY: NOT IN MY BACKYARD Worksheet 1

Number the following statements from 1-15. Start with number 1 for the place you would like the closest to your home. Number 15 will be the farthest from your home.

_____ Center where older persons are cared for when they can no longer live alone

_____ Residential treatment center for teenagers with drug or behavioral problems. They live there until the court says they can return home.

_____ Elementary school and playground for 450 children

_____ Waste dump where toxic materials will be stored forever

_____ City landfill (garbage) area that has no known toxic wastes

_____ Small airport with private small planes

_____ Shelter for homeless families

_____ Shelter for abused children

_____ Solar power plant

_____ Mobile home park for winter visitors

_____ Chicken farm

_____ Thrift store

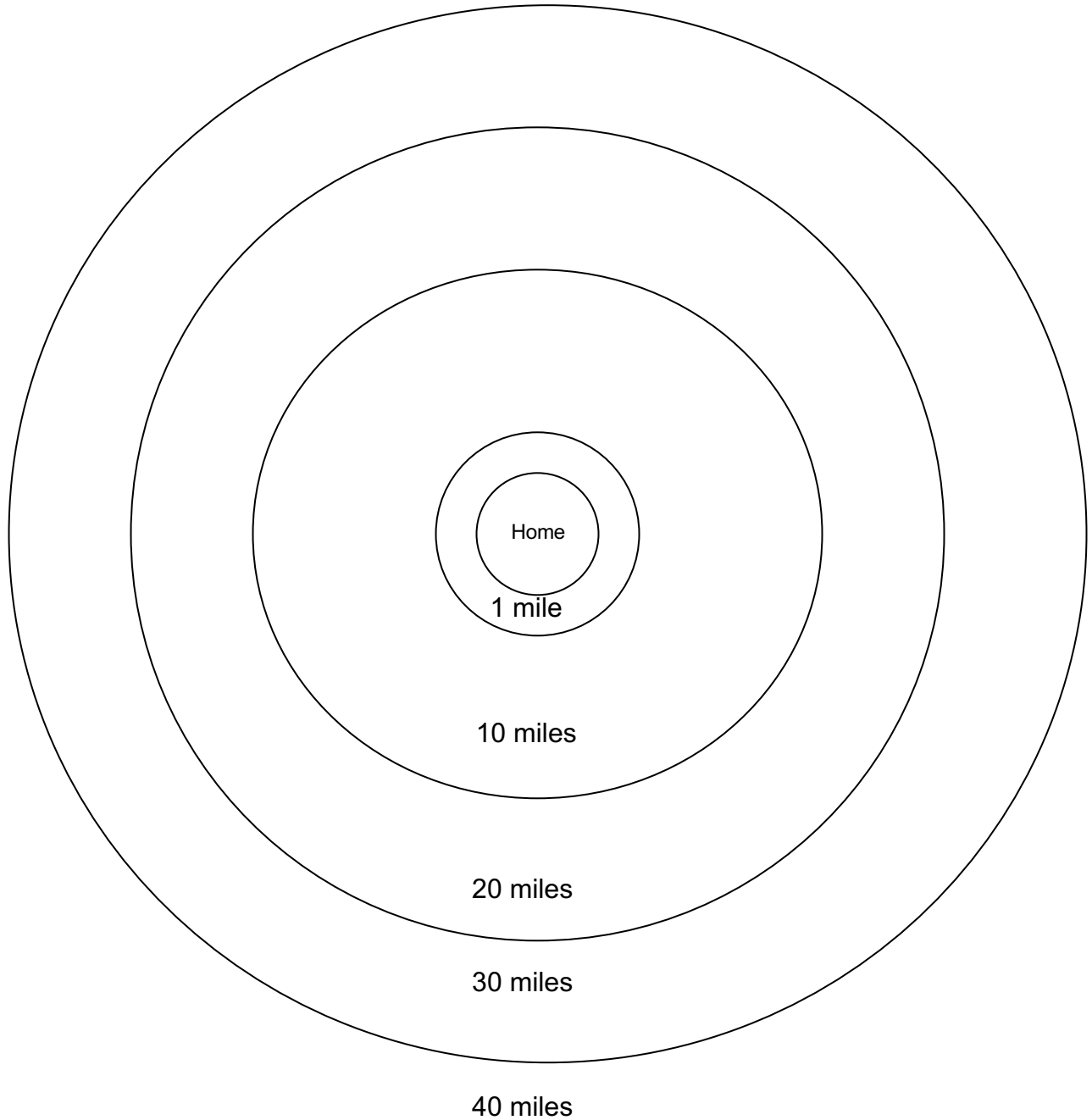
_____ Large shopping center

_____ Drug store that sells many other products (like Walgreens)

_____ City park

NIMBY: NOT IN MY BACKYARD Worksheet 2

Write the numbers 1-15 (from your list) on the diagram below showing where you would want these places located in relation to your home.



Reading Assignment—One Article

Name _____

Choose a newspaper article dealing with a NIMBY issue. Read the article and answer the following questions in complete sentences and be sure to include specific details from the article.

1. What is the central idea of the article? (5pts)
2. Identify at least one aspect of the text that reveals the author's point of view (loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts). (5pts)
3. What is one fact in this article? (5pts)
4. What is one opinion in this article? (5pts)
5. Is this article well balanced in presenting both sides? Explain. (5pts)

Reading Assignment Comparing Articles

Name _____

Find several newspaper articles dealing with the same NIMBY issue. Read the articles and answer the following questions in complete sentences and be sure to include specific details from the articles.

1. What is the **central issue** of the articles? (5pts)
2. **Create a chart showing the article's differing points of view on the same issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning, and evidence.** Your chart should look similar to this example. (10pts)

Author/Spokesperson	Mayor Jones	Resident of neighborhood
Stance on the issue	Wants to build the hotel	Doesn't want to build the hotel
Evidence given (may be more than one)	1. Will boost the economy 2. More tourists will visit 3. Land prices will increase	Will cause too much traffic
Fact or Opinion (Address each piece of evidence you write above)	1. Opinion --no one can prove how much money this will raise for the community at this time 2. Fact —opening a hotel in our town did bring more tourists 3. Fact —land prices near the other hotel went up	Fact There is no traffic at this time so a hotel would definitely add traffic.

3. **In one page**, state your position on this issue using evidence from the articles you read.