

Local Government and Town Hall Meetings-Answer Key

Answer Key to Questions for Step 1:

1. An alderman is different from the President of the United States because they focus on local issues that affect their communities, whereas the President focuses on the country as a whole. They are similar to the President because they are both elected by the people and make decisions to improve the lives of people within their community.
2. A town hall meeting is an event where people from the community come and talk about ideas or concerns related to the local area. They are important because people can express changes they want to see an alderman help make.
3. An alderman is more likely to raise money for a recycling center in a downtown area because it is an issue that affects the local community.
4. **Answers will vary.** Sample answer: If people couldn't attend town hall meetings, aldermen might not know what issues people care about. As a result, aldermen could make changes that a community doesn't want or need.