

Addressing Literacy in the West Lafayette Area

How to Improve Literacy Rates and
Education Levels Through Purdue
and the Community

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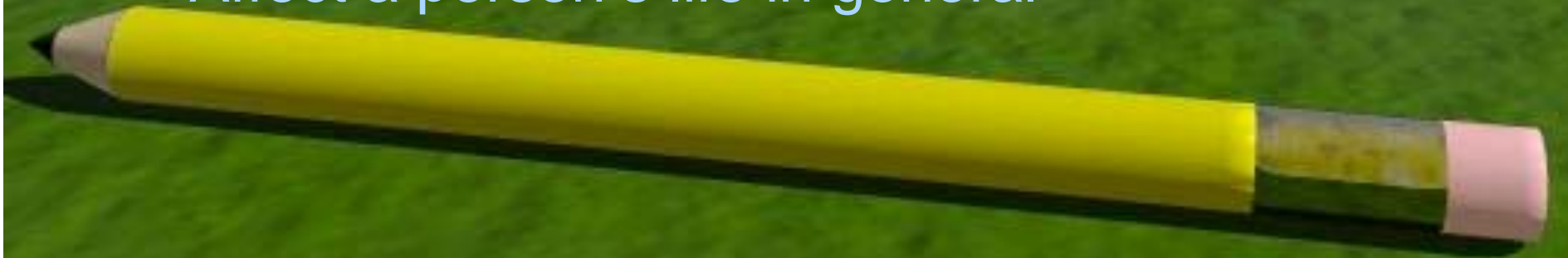
Overview

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- Problem
- Proposal
- Timeline
- Budget
- Benefits



Background

- Current Literacy Rates
 - 14% of adults in the U.S. lack basic literary skills
 - 26% of 8th graders lack basic reading skills
- Poor literacy skills:
 - Affect a person's job
 - Affect a person's confidence
 - Affect a person's life in general



Problem

- Many adults and children lack basic literary skills
 - While the literacy rates are rising
 - It is not a large enough increase to make a dent in the enormous number of illiterate individuals



Proposal

- Hard to help everyone
- Budget is a factor
- Solution:
 - Create a literacy program that is part of the Education Department at Purdue University
 - Treat it as a semester project for the students with Education Majors



Timeline

- Arrange a time block with the Library
- Contact local schools about perspective students
- Organize groups with tutors and students
- Prepare a study plan for the groups
- Teach reading, writing, and comprehension



Budget

- Take place at West Lafayette Public Library
 - Work space is free
 - Books readily available
 - Computers readily available
- Materials for teaching
 - Estimated \$3500/year



Benefits

- West Lafayette will increase literacy rates
- More educated people will benefit the community

