



Thank You Town

The citizens of Cedar City were very excited because their normally quiet, little town had made national news. It all started with a simple fifth grade class project. Mrs. Ford had been noticing more and more frequently that her students spoke rudely to each other, forgot their manners, and didn't say please or thank you. She proposed an experiment. For one full month, each student was asked to say thank you and show appreciation for everything they received and for everything that was done for them, no matter how small and not only at school but also in their homes, their neighborhoods, and the community. At the end of the month, the students would report their experiences to the class.

The attitude of gratitude turned out to be contagious, and soon many of the townspeople were noticing a positive change. Folks seemed friendlier. They laughed more, greeted each other with a smile, and held doors open for each other. People could be heard saying the words please and thank you in abundance all over town. A local newspaper editor decided to submit the story of their experiment to a national news network. He called it "Cedar City Becomes Thank You Town." The network loved the story and gave it a national headline. It was a pretty exciting outcome to a simple class project. January 11th is International Thank You Day. You should start your own little "thank you" experiment and see if you can make a difference too.

1. Citizens of Cedar City were excited because they made _____ news.
(world, local, national)
2. The excitement started with a _____ grade class project.
(third, fifth, tenth)
3. Mrs. Ford noticed her students were rude and forgot their _____.
(manners, names, homework)
4. Her class project seemed to make the whole town _____.
(angrier, meaner, friendlier)
5. January 11th is International _____ Day.
(Pizza, Party, Thank You)