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The Animal Rights Association
<http://www.animal-rights-association.net/>

The Chicken Leg Project

The Chicken Leg Project is planned for the Pathfinders at Twain. It is a cross-subject project that involves mummifying a chicken leg and watching it decay. Luckily, there is an alternative: students are allowed to use an apple instead. There are many reasons NOT to use a chicken leg and to use an apple instead.

Cruelty in the Industry

Chickens are very abused in the meat industry. The details are far too gruesome to be included in a publication to be distributed in school, but if you're interested, you should check out <http://www.MeetYourMeat.com>, <http://www.PETA.org/>, and <http://www.GoVeg.com/>. As well, be sure to check out the ARA Web site, <http://www.animal-rights-association.net/>.

If you justify eating animals because you believe that meat is essential to good health (which isn't true; see the above sites for more information), then think about how using chicken legs in a project with an easy alternative is a waste of many lives. Chickens are capable of thinking, feeling emotions, and feeling pain. Using them in this project is completely untenable.

Raw Meat is Nasty

Do you really want to touch raw meat? It has a pretty nasty smell and texture. An apple has neither.

Get Involved

Well, first off, when it comes time to begin the project, please choose to use an apple instead. There won't be any points docked from your grade. If you want to help with the campaign to eliminate the use of chicken legs in this project, please visit the ARA site and, if you're interested, join the ARA. As well, the ARA has an anti-chicken leg project for sale at it's online store, <http://www.cafepress.com/arainsb123> (note: if you're uncomfortable purchasing items online, request a print order form from Anders at locker C242).

Thank you for taking the time to read this factsheet. We hope you'll join the campaign!