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## THE USE OF THE STUDY OUTLINE

This Outline is designed as an aid in the study of one's own community. The essential condition of success in the use of it is efficient investigation of facts and conditions as they are in the community in which the members of the club dwell, and in other places similar in type. In many sections of the Outline the investigation should be divided into parts and assigned in advance to committees, which are thus given time to proceed carefully in the work of getting facts. Hearsay reports should not be admitted; first hand knowledge only is reliable, and the reports of each committee should be discussed openly in the club and adopted, revised, or returned for further investigation. If adopted, a copy of the report should be placed on file in the club and, when advisable, the printing of such reports in the local paper would extend their usefulness. Or, a collection of these reports in pamphlet form, at the end of the year, may be printed for distribution. The work of one club in a Western city, thus printed, proved valuable and useful.

### CONCLUSION OF THE OUTLINE IN ONE YEAR

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In the use of this Outline, the choice of the leader of discussion is important. She should be a woman of administrative ability, able to select committees wisely

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