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- **Requirement 3:**

- a. Watch ONE session of CSPAN where differing positions and/or opinions are discussed.

- b. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions were expressed and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one.

- **Requirement 4:**

- a. Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community, then do the following:

- b. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.

- c. With your counselor's and a parent's approval, (conduct a telephone interview) with one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement "a". Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.

- d. Share what you have learned with your counselor.

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- **Requirement 5:**

With the approval of ~~your counselor~~ a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

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- **Requirement 7:**

Do the following:

a. Identify three charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interest you and bring people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

b. Pick ONE of the organizations you chose for requirement “a”. Using a variety of resources (including newspapers, fliers and other literature, the Internet, volunteers, and employees of the organization), find out more about this organization.

c. With your counselor’s and your parent’s approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement “b” and find out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

(The 8-hour volunteer experience is WAIVED due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

Possibilities

American Red Cross

Sierra Club

ASPCA

National Honor Society

Boys and Girls Club

Optimists International

Lions International

Masonic Organizations

Knights of Columbus

American Indian Movement

Disabled American Veterans

Guide Dogs for the Blind

The Humane League

United Way

Habitat for Humanity

Equal Justice Initiative

Rainforest Trust

Center for Creative Education

St. Jude Children Research Hospital

Community Services League

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Community Food Bank(s)

YMCA & YWCA

The Mission Continues

Operation Breakthrough

Special Olympics

Wings of Hope

Big Brothers and Sisters

Autism Society

Make a Wish Foundation

Ryan White Foundation

Coalition for the Homeless

RSVP

The Lighthouse Foundation

ACORN

NAACP College Fund

The Conservation Foundation

Feeding America

Hesed House

To Learn about These and Other Charities, Go to
<https://www.charitynavigator.org/>

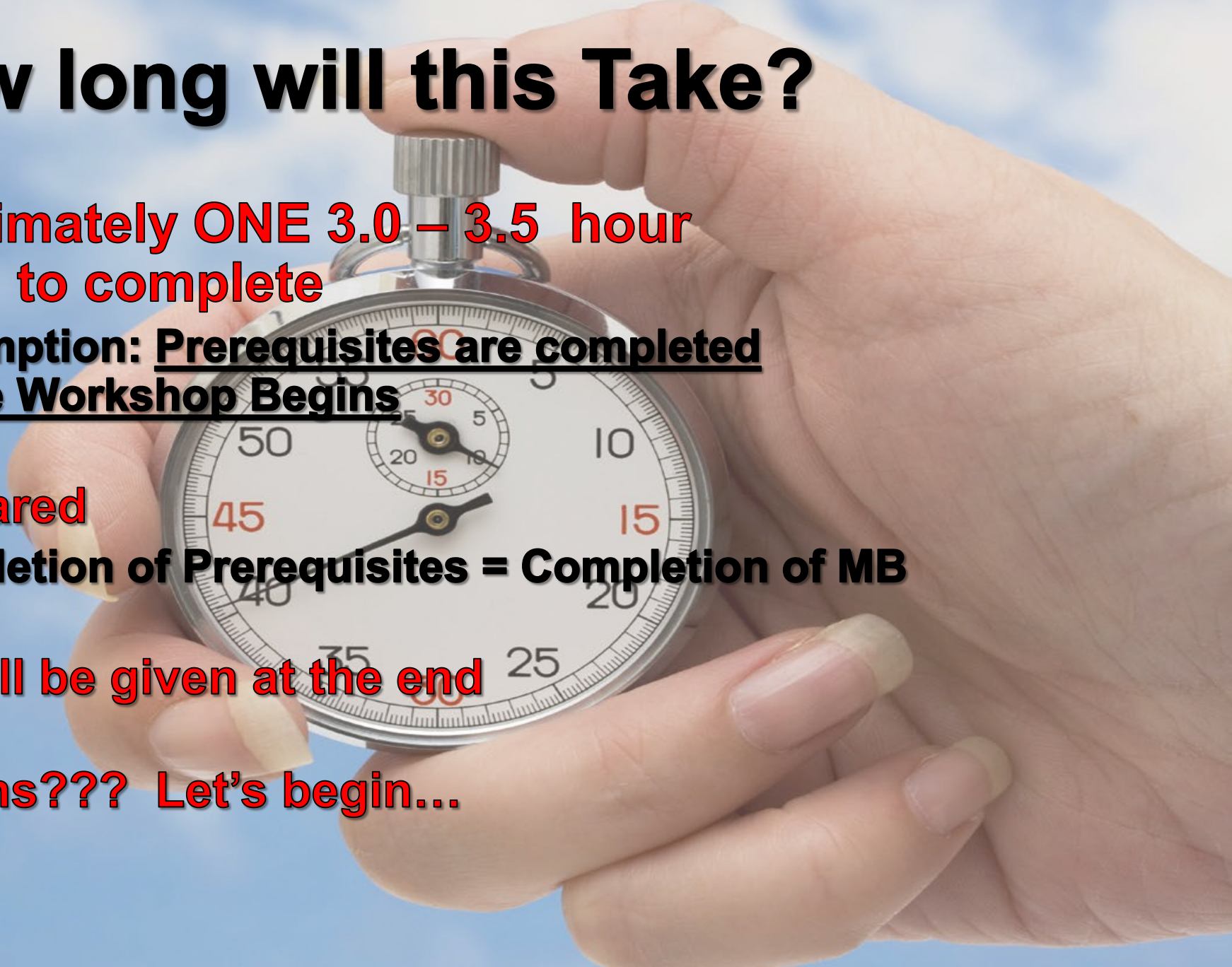
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- **Requirement 8:**

Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or a group (VIRTUALLY) such as your patrol or a class at school.

How long will this Take?

- **Approximately ONE 3.0 – 3.5 hour session to complete**
 - **Assumption: Prerequisites are completed before Workshop Begins**
 - **Be Prepared**
 - **Completion of Prerequisites = Completion of MB**
 - **A test will be given at the end**
 - **Questions??? Let's begin...**
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