

Teaching Unit: **Community Government**

Essential Understandings

Groups of people need rules, laws, and leaders to keep order in their community and help make sure that all things are fair to everyone.

All citizens have certain rights and responsibilities.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Develop a set of classroom rules and refer to them as a class Constitution.

Set up class rules as rights and responsibilities that students have while at school.

During the time around Constitution Day (Sept. 17th), discuss the United States constitution-how it evolved, reasons why it was needed, and how it is set up.

Discuss ways that citizens can help make their community a better place to live.

Know the difference between rights and responsibilities

Understand that citizens of the United States have rights and responsibilities.

Describe local governments- town and city-and the importance for having a government.

Teaching Unit: **Native Americans**

Essential Understandings

All groups of people have the same basic needs and use resources around them to meet those needs.

All groups of people adapt to the environment around them.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Compare four Native American tribes (environment, adaptive behaviors, traditions, culture, importance of nature, location, and food).

Know the important concept for each tribe (Navajo-importance of nature in their culture; Yurok- economy; Cherokee-written language; Haudenosaunee-government).

Know the geographic location of each of the four tribes.

Know the names of the four tribes being studied-Navajo, Cherokee, Yurok, and Haudenosaunee.

Teaching Unit: ***Making Economic Choices***

Essential Understandings

People make choices in life about how to make and spend money.

Economic systems can survive because people choose to make and sell products, and other people choose to buy the products.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Know that money is anything that is accepted in exchange for goods and services.

Know that different countries use various forms of money.

Understand the difference between bartering and using money.

Know the difference between goods and services.

Understand the terms of budget, income, and interest.

Understand that choices need to be made and sometimes people need to give up things in order to get what they really want.

Have a basic understanding of the differences between:

- a producer and a consumer
- supply and demand
- natural and human resources

Explain what a factory is and how assembly lines work.
