

Communities and Geography

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Unit Overview

Essential Questions

What is a good citizen?

Why is it important to be a good citizen?

How do bar and line graphs help us better understand valuable information about our society?

What are the important steps in preserving our natural resources?

What types of information does a landform map show?

Why is our country's geography important?

Content

The Geography of Communities

Using a Landform Map

Communities Need Natural Resources

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Being a Good Citizen

Skills

Describe how people adjust to and modify the physical environments of their communities.

Describe different landforms and how people interact with them.

Identify and use the compass rose, grid, and symbols to locate places on maps.

Identify different types of natural resources.

Explain how people work to protect natural resources.

Identify characteristics of good citizenship and explain the importance of taking responsibility for the common good

Assessments

Teacher observations

Tests & quizzes

Writing prompts

Guided class discussions

Worksheets

Teacher observations

Timelines

Projects

Foldables

Map work

Venn diagrams

Lessons/Learning Scenarios

Summarize how people can take responsibility in caring for their natural resources.

Create a song on why it's important to dispose of trash properly.

List how people adapt to life in different communities.

Utilize information found on bar and line graphs listing the largest cities of the United States and Population Growth.

Identify how citizens can take action to improve their community.

Look up new vocabulary in the textbook glossary.

Standards

SOC.K-4.6.1.4.A.a	Rules and laws are developed to protect people's rights and the security and welfare of society.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps, and determine when the information may be useful.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.B.3	Explain how and when it is important to use digital geographic tools, political maps, and globes to measure distances and to determine time zones and locations using latitude and longitude.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.B.7	Explain why some locations in New Jersey and the United States are more suited for settlement than others.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.B.8	Compare ways people choose to use and divide natural resources.
SOC.K-4.6.1.4.B.a	Spatial thinking and geographic tools can be used to describe and analyze the spatial patterns and organization of people, places, and environments on Earth.

Resources
