Grade 1 Leadership, Cooperation, Unity and Diversity		Topic 1 - Civics: communities, elections, and leadership		Time Frame: September 16-October 30	
Big Idea(s): What makes a good community member? Essential Question(s): What does it mean to belong to or lead a group? What makes a good leader?					
Massachusetts Learning Standards	Massachusetts Practice Standards	Timeline	Key Ideas and Concepts	Resources	
1. Demonstrate understanding of the benefits of being part of a group and explain what it means to be a member of a group; follow the group's rules, limits, responsibilities and expectations, and explain reasons for rules to others. For example, to clarify the concept of membership, students brainstorm the groups they belong to simultaneously – e.g., they are members of a family, a classroom, a school, perhaps a sports team, a scout group,	 Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, dispositions Develop focused questions or problem statements and conduct inquiries Organize information and data from multiple primary and secondary sources Analyze the purpose and point of view of each source Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of each source 	Pearson Connexus: Course 1A Lesson 1: My School, My Community Unit Introduction Objectives: Describe how people can cooperate to help their community Lesson 2: I Am a Good Citizen Day 1 Objectives: Identify and describe the characteristics of good citizenship, such as helping	Rules Community Community helpers Leader Leadership qualities Governor Government Mayor President	Pearson Connexus: Social Studies 1 A (CL), 5.18, P Textbook: My World Social Studies: Making Our Way, pp.10-38 Variety of worksheets and readings: https://www.teachervision.c om/search?grade=1st%20Gr ade&type=Reference	
an arts club, a religious group, a neighborhood community, town, city, or country. With their teacher,	6. Argue or explain conclusions, using valid reasoning and evidence	others, following rules, and working well with others Identify ways to contribute to the common good of a	Citizen Rights and responsibilities	Teaching about the election: https://sc02209149.schoolwi res.net/cms/lib/SC02209149 /Centricity/Domain/120/1st	

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they make a list of some of	7. Determine next steps and	variety of groups in school		%20Grade%20Election%20Ye
the different expectations of	take informed action, as	and in the community	Vote	ar%20Support%20Guide.pdf
each group and look for the	appropriate	Lesson 3: I am a Good Citizen		
similarities among them.		Day 2	Law	
2. Investigate the various		Objectives:		
roles that members of a		Identify ways to contribute to		
group play and explain how		the common good of a		
those roles contribute to		variety of groups in school		https://www.education.com
achieving a common goal.		and in the community		/worksheets/?q=election
3. Demonstrate				
understanding that a leader is		Lesson 4: Reading Skills: Fact		
also a member of a group,		and Opinion		https://www.scholastic.com/
but takes on a different role				teachers/collections/18-
with more responsibility for		Objectives:		<u>19/lessons-and-activities-for-</u>
inspiring others, organizing		Distinguish between fact and opinion		<u>grade-1/</u>
and delegating activities, and		opinion		
helping the group make		Lesson F. My Dights and		
decisions.		Lesson 5: My Rights and Responsibilities Day 1		
For example, students		Responsibilities Day 1		
working on a project in a		Objectives:		
small group take on the roles		Define what a right is		
of leader, recorder or		Identify and describe the		
reporter, illustrator, or		rights of citizens at home and		
timekeeper.		in the community		
4. Analyze examples of		Lesson 6: My Rights and		
leadership and leaders from		Responsibilities Day 2		
history, everyday life, and		Objectives:		
from literature and		Identify and describe the		
informational texts read or read aloud, and describe the		responsibilities of citizens at		
qualities of a good leader.		home and in the community		
		Define cooperate		
Clarification Statement:		Lesson 7: I Follow Rules Day		
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Students should be able to discuss leaders from all walks of life. These may include people they know from personal experience (e.g., teachers, leaders of activities at a girls' and boys' club or scout group, religious leaders) and ones they learn about from reading and viewing (e.g., leaders in stories and biographies about leaders in the United States and other countries). They discuss what it means to have "character" as a leader: to be honest,	Objectives: Identify and de rules are impor Identify rules a how people ca rules Lesson 8: I Foll 2 Objectives: Identify and de Iaws are impor Identify laws in community Lesson 9: 21st Conflict and Co	tant thome and n vote to make ow Rules Day scribe why tant the Century Skills:
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practical experience in the concept of democracy by	Identify comm and how they H Lesson 12: My	nelp people

discussing and voting on what the responsibilities of class leaders should be, then voting to elect class leaders for the day or week. 6. Explain that an election is a kind of voting in which people select leaders. For example, students connect their discussion of leadership qualities to the idea of elections, listing the qualities they would look for in a candidate for election. Identify some leaders who are chosen by elections (o g	Day 1 Objectives: Identify and describe how the government provides services to citizens and the community Identify how the mayor leads the community government Lesson 13: My Government Day 2 Objectives: Identify how the government helps citizens and provides services Identify state and national	
idea of elections, listing the qualities they would look for in a candidate for election. Identify some leaders who are chosen by elections (e.g., the President of the United States, the Governor of Massachusetts, the captain of a soccer team) and explain their roles. Clarification Statement: Students should be able to describe how the President or the Governor gets authority from the people through the election process. 8. Demonstrate	Identify how the government helps citizens and provides	
understanding that members of a town, city, or nation in the United States are called citizens, and that their rights and responsibilities include	Identify important national documents	

 electing leaders who serve fixed terms 		
 paying attention to the leader's actions, 		
and		
 deciding whether or 		
not to re-elect them		
on the basis of how		
well they have served		
citizens.		
9. Explain that all people born		
in the United States are		
citizens, while some people		
become citizens after moving		
to the Unites States from		
another country. Understand		
that some residents of the		
United States are not citizens,		
but are still members of the		
community with rights and		
responsibilities.		
10. Evaluate the qualities of a		
good citizen or member of		
the community, drawing on		
examples from history,		
literature, informational		
texts, news reports, and		
personal experiences.		
Clarification Statements:		
Students should listen to		
and read folktales,		
contemporary fiction, and		

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biographies from the United States and around the world			
that illustrate the values of			
civic-mindedness and civic			
engagement on the part of			
individuals and groups from			
diverse backgrounds. They			
should be able to describe			
characters' interactions that			
show citizenship in action.			
Note that the grade 1			
standards for reading in the			
Massachusetts English			
Language Arts and Literacy			
Framework ask students to			
describe the connection			
between two individuals,			
events, ideas, or pieces of			
information in a text.			
I Students should learn and			
use academic language to			
describe the qualities of a			
good citizens or community			
members, (e.g., well-			
informed, honest, reliable,			
respectful, polite, yet firm in			
speaking up to defend			
fairness).			
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Grade 1 Leadership, Cooperation, Unity and Diversity		Topic 2. Geography: Places to explore		Time Frame: November 1-January 15
Big Idea(s): How can maps he				
Massachusetts Learning Standards	Massachusetts Practice Standards	Timeline	Key Ideas and Concepts	Resources
1. Explain that a map	1. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, dispositions	<u>Week 1</u> Provide students with an	Cardinal directions	
represents spaces and helps one identify locations and	2. Develop focused questions	assortment of maps e.g., Road map	Scale	https://www.nationalgeogra phic.org/education/map-
features. 2. Identify and use language	or problem statements and conduct inquiries	Resource map Map of Fall River	Кеу	skills-elementary-students/
for cardinal directions (<i>north, east, south, west</i>) when	3. Organize information and data from multiple primary	Map of Massachusetts Map of the United States Map of the world	Legend	https://www.generationgeni us.com/videolessons/maps-
locating and describing places on a map; use a map to identify the location of major	and secondary sources 4. Analyze the purpose and	Map of a shopping mall Treasure map	Capital city	of-landforms-video-for-kids/
cities and capitals (e.g., Boston, Massachusetts,	point of view of each source		Physical features	
Washington D.C., Mexico City, Mexico) and investigate	5. Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of	Week 2	Continent	
factors that explain why these locations became	each source	Describe the location of Fall	Ocean	
important cities. Clarification Statement:	6. Argue or explain conclusions, using valid	River, Boston, Washington, DC, using cardinal directions	Valleys	
Students should be exposed to a variety of maps, ranging	reasoning and evidence	Week 3	Rivers	
from local to world, connected to the grade 1	7. Determine next steps and take informed action, as appropriate	Identify physical features on	Mountains Lakes	

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curriculum. These maps	a map of the United States		
should be used for a variety		Customs	
of purposes, such as locating	Week 4		
where stories and events in		Culture	
texts or in the news take	Construct a map of your		
place, where students in the	neighborhood		
class have family connections,			
how to find a route from one	Week 5		
place to another, how to			
know where mountains,	Finish and present		
valleys, or rivers are.	neighborhood maps		
3. Explain that a city that is			
called a <i>capital</i> is the center	Week 6		
of government for a state or			
nation.	Identify different continents		
Massachusetts Curriculum	on a world map. Explain how		
Framework for History and	people there have their own		
Social Science 41	language, customs, and ways		
4. Locate and explain physical	of living.		
features (e.g., continents,	of inving.		
oceans, rivers, lakes,			
mountains) on maps and			
construct maps and other			
representations of local			
places.			
5. Demonstrate			
understanding that people			
from different parts of the			
world can have different			
ways of living, customs, and			
languages.			
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Grade 1 Leadership, Cooper	ation, Unity and Diversity	Topic 3. History: unity and ([1.T3]	diversity in the United States	Time Frame: January 19-March 19	
Big Idea(s): What does the motto, "Out of Many, One" mean and why is it a good motto of the United States? Essential Questions: Who are Americans? In what ways are Americans similar? In what ways are they different?					
Massachusetts Learning Standards	Massachusetts Practice Standards	Timeline	Key Ideas and Concepts	Resources	
 Provide evidence to explain some of the ways in which the people of the United States are unified (e.g., share a common national history) and diverse (e.g., have different backgrounds, hold different beliefs, and have different celebrations, cultural traditions, and family structures). Clarification Statements: Students should learn about each other's families and types of families that may be different from their own (e.g., single-parent, blended, grandparent-headed, foster, LGBT, multiracial). They should begin to develop an understanding of the diversity 	 Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, dispositions Develop focused questions or problem statements and conduct inquiries Organize information and data from multiple primary and secondary sources Analyze the purpose and point of view of each source Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of each source Argue or explain conclusions, using valid reasoning and evidence Determine next steps and take informed action, as appropriate 	Week 1 Out of many, one Week 2 What Americans have in common Week 3 How Americans are different/diverse Week 4 Culture Week 5 Tradition	Out of Many, One-E Pluribus Unum Culture Tradition Different types of families Unity Diversity Explain the significance of the following symbols: Bald eagle U.S. flag Statue of Liberty The White House The national anthem The dollar and coins	Cultures of the World: A fun overview of the world's cultures for kinds <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=RwSYrsjTiW4 Play the song by Woody Guthrie This Land Is Your Land. Also sung by Jennifer Lopez at President Biden's Inauguration. Different Types of Families: Learning Diversity for Children <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=ztWv-inB938	

of the people of the United States and at the same time,	Week 6	Explain the significance of national holidays. Examples:	Statue of Liberty Tour
how people of different	Different types of families	 The Fourth of July 	https://www.nps.gov/stli/lea
backgrounds can still hold in		 Memorial Day 	rn/photosmultimedia/virtual
common shared values of	Week 7	Thanksgiving	tour.htm
politeness, courage, honesty,			
respect, and reliability.	Symbols of the United States		Online White House Tour
I Students should be able to	-,	Show understanding of	
conduct investigations about	Week 8	chronology and time ex.	https://www.360virtualtour.
unity and diversity by		In the past, in the future	co/portfolio/the-white-
reading/looking at picture	Symbols of the US (cont'd)		house-google-virtual-tour/
books about families of			
diverse backgrounds or			Ben's Guide to the U.S.
interviewing friends, family			Government
members, neighbors, or			https://bensguide.gpo.gov/l
school staff, and then			earning-adventures-
reporting their findings about			14more?id=36&age=ben4_8
what people from diverse			
backgrounds have			Note: There are also quizzes
contributed to the nation, the			under the Games tab.
Commonwealth, or the local			
community.			
2. Demonstrate			
understanding of the ways			
people show pride in			
belonging to the United			
States by recognizing and			
explaining the meaning of			
unifying symbols, phrases,			
and songs:			
a. national symbols (e.g., the			
United States flag, the bald			
eagle, the White House, and			
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the Statue of Liberty)		
b. words, mottoes, phrases,		
and sentences associated		
with the United States (e.g.,		
"U.S." or "America" standing		
for United States of America,		
the Latin motto, "E pluribus		
<i>unum,</i> " on coins, currency,		
and the seal of the United		
States, translated as "Out of		
Many, One," and the" Pledge		
of Allegiance")		
c. the melodies and lyrics of		
patriotic songs (e.g.,		
"America the Beautiful," "My		
Country, 'Tis of Thee," "God		
Bless America," and "The		
Star-Spangled Banner")		
3. Recognize and document		
sequential patterns in		
seasonal events or personal		
experiences, using a calendar		
and words and phrases		
relating to chronology and		
time, (e.g., in the past or		
future; present, past, and		
future tenses of verbs).		
Clarification Statement: Note		
that the grade 1 standards of		
the Massachusetts Science		
and Technology/Engineering		
Framework ask students to		

analyze data to identify relationships among seasonal patterns of change, including changing times of sunrise and sunset, seasonal temperature changes and rainfall or snowfall patterns, and seasonal changes to the environment.				
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