



Unit 4 Our Community and Its Government

Grade 2 Social Studies

Unit Description:

In this unit, students will learn about local government, how citizens' needs are met, and the role they can play in being a responsible citizen. This sets the stage for the unit to follow where students will explore economics and how economics impacts communities.

Social Studies Standards:

- 2.3.1** Describe ways a responsible government meets the basic needs of the local community
- 2.1.2** Compare and contrast the present day community to that of the past using primary sources
- 2.1.3** 2.1.3 Describe people and events associated with national symbols, landmarks, and essential documents
- 2.4.1** Define the character traits of good citizens and discuss examples of responsible citizens
- 2.4.2** Describe the responsibilities of citizens in the United States
- 2.4.3** Describe ways in which responsible citizens can work together to help leaders resolve conflicts within the community

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

- **What does government look like in Louisiana and my community?**

Essential Questions- Supporting Questions:

- How does a responsible government meet the needs of the local community?
 - Who are the current political leaders of the community, state, and country?
 - How are political leaders elected?
 - What are the characteristics and responsibilities of good citizens?