

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), National Geography Standards (NGS), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Subjects: Science, Social Studies

Grades: 2, 3, 4

Virtual Field Trips

Grade 3 - How Government Helps Our Communities

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)

Social Studies

Grade 2 - Adopted: 2010

THEME	NCSS.5. INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
DEFINITION	SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERIENCES THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERACTIONS AMONG INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS.
CATEGORY	5.2. PROCESSES - Learners will be able to:
LEARNING EXPECTATION	5.2.6. Show how groups and institutions work to meet individual needs, and promote or fail to promote the common good.
THEME	NCSS.6. POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
DEFINITION	SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERIENCES THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY OF HOW PEOPLE CREATE, INTERACT WITH, AND CHANGE STRUCTURES OF POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE.
CATEGORY	6.1. KNOWLEDGE - Learners will understand:
LEARNING EXPECTATION	6.1.2. Fundamental ideas that are the foundation of American constitutional democracy, including those of the U.S. Constitution, the rule of law, separation of powers, checks and balances, minority rights, and the separation of church and state.
LEARNING EXPECTATION	6.1.3. Fundamental values of democracy: the common good, liberty, justice, equality, and individual dignity.
LEARNING EXPECTATION	6.1.4. The basic elements of government in the United States: executive, legislative, and judicial authority.
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LEARNING EXPECTATION	6.2.1. Ask and find answers to questions about power, authority, and governance in the school, community, and state.
LEARNING EXPECTATION	6.2.2. Examine issues involving the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in relation to the broader society.

THEME	NCSS.10. CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES	
DEFINITION		SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERIENCES THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY OF THE IDEALS, PRINCIPLES, AND PRACTICES OF CITIZENSHIP IN A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.
CATEGORY	10.1.	KNOWLEDGE - Learners will understand:
LEARNING EXPECTATION	10.1.1.	The theme of civic ideals and practices helps us know how we can have influence on how people live and act together.
LEARNING EXPECTATION	10.1.2.	Concepts and ideals such as: individual dignity, fairness, freedom, the common good, rule of law, civic life, rights, and responsibilities.
LEARNING EXPECTATION	10.1.4.	Democratic ideals and practices are often represented in excerpts from contemporary and historical sources, quotations, and stories.
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LEARNING EXPECTATION	10.3.2.	Drawing illustrations of examples of participation supportive of civic ideals and practices.

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National Geography Standards (NGS)

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2012

ESSENTIAL ELEMENT	NGS.HS.	Human Systems
STANDARD	HS.13.	How the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth's surface
STRAND	HS.13.1.	Territorial Divisions: There are multiple types of territorial divisions used to manage and control Earth's surface
BENCHMARK	HS.13.1.A.	Explain different types of territorial divisions (e.g., township, city, county, state, and country) and how they are used to manage and control Earth's surface, as exemplified by being able to
EXPECTATION	HS.13.1.A.2.	Describe the responsibilities of the set of governmental units within which the student lives (e.g., town or city, county, state, and country).

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2012

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STANDARD	HS.13.	How the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2012

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