Middle School Lesson Plan

GOAL: CIVIC LITERACY
Here are some topic ideas! What do your students know about these local government areas?

- Political Systems
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- Civil Rights
- Labor Relations
- Human Services
- Public Health
- Infrastructure
- Taxation

CONNECT
Connect these topic areas to local government action in your own community. For example: How does your community maintain water infrastructure to ensure clean water?

Why is this important for a local government to manage the provision of clean water?

DISCUSS
Q. Why are some issues best managed by local leaders?
Q. How does your local government and state government work together on these topic areas?
Q. Can you think of a state program that addresses these topic areas?

ACTIVITY
Encourage your students to enter the ESSAY CONTEST for the chance to win cash prizes, have their essay published in the Kansas Government Journal, and be recognized in Topeka in a special ceremony.

For more civic resources and online civic games visit:
www.lkm.org/YouthCivicEducation

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES for sample example
- Water Kids
- Rain Garden Network
- MARC.org
- StormwaterOne
- Clean
- Water Cycle Activites

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