

Middle School Lesson Plan

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GOAL: CIVIC LITERACY

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

Political Systems
Human Geography
Diversity

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 [If I Were Mayor Contest](#) for the chance to win cash prizes, have their memo published in the *Kansas Government Journal*, and be recognized in Topeka in a special ceremony with local leaders and state legislators.

For more civic resources and online civic games visit: www.LKM.org



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES for sample example

The Water Values
Ecomagination
Water Kids

Kids in the Creek
Kids Ecology Corps
Rain Garden Network

MARC.org
Blue Thumb
StormwaterOne

