Middle School Lesson Plan

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.

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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

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