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Unit Planner

Unit Title: Exploring Community Issues

Culminating Assessment Task: Informative essay about a community issue.

CBL Approaches (check all that apply)

- Instructional connections ✓
- Community integration ✓
- Community participation ✓
- Citizen action

Core Elements needed to demonstrate mastery of assessment/ complete Task

- Research skills
- Informative essay writing skills (organization, structure, body paragraph content)
- Compassion (sympathy and empathy) for others
- Community-centered mindset
- Computer skills (research/reading and writing)
- 21st-Century skills (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity)

Notes

Inspirational Stories

- [Beyond Boundaries](#)
- [The Story of Ed Roberts](#) [Ed Roberts Story \(Common Lit\)](#)

Use these examples to model every step of the process:

- Model Secondary [data](#)
- Model Survey [results](#)
- Model Interview [responses](#)
- Model Combined [data sheet](#)
- Model Data [themes sheet](#)
- Model Essay [graphic organizer](#)
- Model Essay [outline](#)
- Model Written [essay](#)



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Daily or Weekly Focus #) Topic	Enduring Understanding	Learning Activities	Assignments (towards completion of the culminating task)	Resources/ Materials	Mini-Assessments/ CFUs	Notes
1) Being part of a Community	Individuals contribute to the strength and vitality of a community through active engagement, empathy, and a sense of shared responsibility.	Nearpod, videos , readings , group activities , think pair share , presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, starters, reflections , discussion protocols, guest speakers , field trips	Week 1 activities	The Importance of Community Social Groups: Crash Course Sociology #16 What is Community Development? An Introduction Types of communities for kids - What is a community? [KS1 PSHE] Social-groups-and-social-networks Types of groups (article) Types of groups (AI modified article) Important Community Values Values and Responsibilities Importance-of-community	Student reflections provide insight into students ideas around community.	Students should be able to identify the various communities they belong to by the end of this week.
2) Community Needs	Communities thrive when members collaboratively identify, prioritize, and address their collective needs, fostering a sense of belonging and interconnectedness.	Nearpod, videos , readings , group activities , think pair share , presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, starters, reflections , discussion protocols, guest speakers , field trips	Week 2 activities	The Everyone a Changemaker Movement: Narrated by a Young Change... Changemaking.net Video Playlist Stories of young changemakers (video playlist) Stories of Young Changemakers Joshua's Changemaker Journey List of Community Issues NatGeo- Students and Social Justice	Student reflections provide insight into students ideas around community.	Students should have issues identified by the end of this week.
3) Collecting Secondary Data	Secondary data serves as a foundational element in research processes, empowering them to explore, interpret, and contribute to various academic and real-world contexts	Nearpod, videos , readings , group activities, think pair share, presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, starters, reflections, discussion protocols, guest speakers, field trips	Week 3 activities	Assessing Community Needs and Resources Section 13. Conducting Surveys How to Evaluate Sources for Reliability - Writing for Kids Qualitative and Quantitative Data Research Design: Choosing your Data Collection Methods Scribbr 🎓	Collect secondary data	Students should collect their secondary data by the end of this week.
4) Collecting Primary Data	Primary data not only equips them with essential research skills but also allows them to actively contribute to the generation of new knowledge and solutions within various academic and practical contexts.	Nearpod, videos , readings , group activities, think pair share, presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, starters, reflections, discussion protocols, guest speakers, field trips	Week 4 activities	Assessing Community Needs and Resources Section 12. Conducting Interviews Qualitative Methods to Assess Community Issues Research Methods Guide: Interview Research How to Create Google Form Google Forms Complete Tutorial 2020 how to create online questionnaire how to use Google Form step by st... Creating a survey in Google Forms	Create surveys and interviews	Students should collect their primary data by the end of this week.
5) Planning an Informative Essay	Crafting an informative essay requires careful planning, including the identification of key issues, organization of ideas, and the use of evidence, to effectively communicate insights about community needs.	Nearpod, videos , readings , group activities, think pair share, presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, starters, reflections, discussion protocols, guest speakers, field trips	Week 5 activities	CAP Informative Essay Rubric CAP Informative Essay Graphic Organizer CAP Informative Essay Outline How to Write an Essay for Beginners - Outline to Draft How to Create a Clearly Structured Essay Outline Scribbr 🎓 Intro. to Informative Writing How to Write an Informative Essay: Expert Tips and Techniques	Complete the graphic organizer	Students should complete their graphic organizers by the end of this week.
6) Writing an Informative Essay	Effective communication of community needs through an informative essay involves clear, purposeful writing that engages the audience, promotes understanding, and inspires action toward positive change.	Nearpod, Videos , Readings, Group Activities, think pair share, presentations, jig saw, Kahoot, Peardeck, Mentimeter, do nows, reflections , discussion protocols, guest speakers, field trips	Week 6 activities	CAP Informative Essay Rubric CAP Informative Essay Outline How to Write an Essay: 4 Minute Step-by-step Guide Scribbr 🎓 How to Write an Informative Essay [Easiest Way] HOW TO WRITE AN INFORMATIONAL ESSAY - Middle School Intro. to Informative Writing How to Reference in an Essay (3 Simple Tips)	Complete the informative essay	Students should complete their essays by the end of this week.



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Additional Resources:

Youth Advocacy

- Ashoka: [Ashoka](#)
- Youth Activists Toolkit: [Toolkit](#)

News Articles:

- CNN 10: [CNN 10](#)
- Newsela: [Newsela](#)
- Scholastic News: [Scholastic News](#)

Community Profiles:

- National Geographic: [National Geographic](#)
- Local government websites: Search for your local government's website for community profiles and reports.

TED-Ed Talks:

- TED-Ed: [TED-Ed Talks](#)

Government Websites:

- Explore your local government's official website.

Nonprofit Organizations:

- Habitat for Humanity: [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- Feeding America: [Feeding America](#)
- American Red Cross: [American Red Cross](#)

Digital Libraries:

- Project Gutenberg: [Project Gutenberg](#)
- Google Books: [Google Books](#)

Interactive Maps:

- PolicyMap: [PolicyMap](#)

Interviews and Oral Histories:

- StoryCorps: [StoryCorps](#)