

Grayson Donohoe - Local Government Lesson Plan

Harmony Middle School - 8th Grade Civics and Economics

Standard: CE.8 The student will apply social science skills to understand the American constitutional government at the local level by

- a) describing the structure and powers of the local government;

TSWBAT:

1. Describe the structure of Virginia's local government
2. Explain and list the powers of the local government and identify who does them
3. Distinguish between counties, towns, and cities
4. Research and present information about counties, towns, and cities in our local area

Key Vocabulary:

- County
- town(ship)
- Board of supervisors
- city/town council
- Manager (county, city or town)
- Mandate
- Sheriff
- Mayor
- Tension
- Clerk of the circuit court
- City charter
- Commissioner of revenue
- Treasurer
- School board

Materials Needed:

Promethean, student workbooks, copies of assessment, student computers

Introduction to Lesson:

Recall back to the national government and state government, now we need to talk about government on a smaller scale. We all live in towns and cities, and those towns need to have some form of government (because government is important because...).

Instructional Activities:

1. State Government Assessment for warm up (refresh structures of government)

2. Local Government Presentation (slideshow) and notes
3. Local government research activity (slides 14-15)

Accommodations: n/a

Closure:

Discussion: Tie back to warm up prompt - how are the structures and powers of the local government similar and different to the state and federal government?

Assessment:  Local Government Activity Answer Key

Resources: presentation(s)  Local Government - Grayson Donohoe , answer keys:

 Local Government Activity Answer Key