

Lesson Plan – *Standard 7 – Examine ways that state and national governments affects the everyday lives of people in the United States*

Time: 60 minutes

Learning Objectives: By the end of this lesson, students will understand how local, state, and national governments impact their daily lives

Materials:

- Reading titled “Standard 7 – Reading – Impact of local, state, and national governments on the people”
- Venn Diagram titled “Standard 7 – Venn Diagram - Impact of local, state, and national governments on the people”
- White board and marker

Procedure:

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Begin by asking students to make a chart of three columns with the words “Local”, “State”, and “National” government at the top of each column.
- Have the students list all the ways the governments at each of these levels impacts their life. Give them about 4 minutes to complete.
- Discuss their responses with the whole class and record responses on the whiteboard in front of the class.

Reading and Formative Assessment (50 minutes)

- Have the students read the assigned reading and highlight key responsibilities of each level.
- Once the reading is complete, pass out the Venn diagram to each student and give them the remaining time to complete the diagram.
- Collect the diagram at the end of class.

Closure (5 minutes)

- Discuss with the students their initial thoughts collected on the white board.
- Emphasize correct initial information.
- Ask students what information surprised them and discuss.