



K-2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY

Is Local Government Important?



<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2022/07/local-government-is-key-to-establishing-equity-in-california/>

SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

1. What is local government?
2. What does the local government do?
3. Who makes up my local government?
4. What are the different types of city government?

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Compelling Question?	
Standards and Content	<p>Kindergarten Standards:</p> <p>K.I.Q.1 Ask compelling questions about their community.</p> <p>K.C.CP.1 Explain the purpose of local government.</p> <p>K.C.CV.1 Explain ways people can work together effectively to make decisions.</p> <p>K.I.U.E.1 Identify information from two or more sources to investigate characteristics of a community.</p> <p>K.I.CC.1 Construct an explanation about their community's civic life, history, geography, and/or economy.</p> <p>First Grade Standards:</p> <p>1.I.Q.2 Identify supporting questions to investigate compelling questions about communities in Kentucky.</p> <p>1.C.CV.1 Describe basic democratic principles.</p> <p>1.H.CO.1 Describe interactions that occur between individuals as members of groups, the community, and/or the state.</p> <p>1.I.U.E.2 Construct responses to compelling and supporting questions about communities in Kentucky</p> <p>1.I.CC.1 Construct an explanation about a specific community in Kentucky.</p> <p>Second Grade Standards:</p> <p>2.I.Q.2 Identify supporting questions that help answer compelling questions about communities found in North America.</p> <p>2.C.PR.1 Describe how societies changed and continue to change through processes, rules, and laws in North America.</p> <p>2.C.CP.1 Explain the need for civic and political structures in North America.</p> <p>2.C.CP.2 Explain that the functions of an effective government are to create order, establish justice, and meet the needs of its citizens.</p> <p>2.I.U.E.4 Construct responses to compelling and supporting questions, using reasoning, examples and details, about the diversity of communities in North America.</p> <p>2.I.CC.1 Construct an explanation, using correct sequence and relevant information, to provide information on a community in North America.</p> <p>government, local, city, county, mayor, city manager, "at the pleasure of," commissioner, clerk, official, city council, council member</p>
Vocabulary	
Staging the Compelling Question	Read Aloud, Mom for City Council .

Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3	Supporting Question 4
What is local government?	What does the local government do?	Who makes up the local government?	What are the different types of city government?

Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
List features of local government.	Explore the city websites to see what a local government takes care of. Students work with partners or in groups to create posters showing what local governments do.	Identify leaders in your local government. Fill out local government leaders in the activity book.	Create a chart to compare city government structures. Identify the type of city government your city uses. (Use the Resource on the source's page that says, " List of cities with their form of government. ")
Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
Source A: It's All Local Source B: Power of Teamwork video	Source A: Ashland, KY City Website Source B: Your own city's website.	Source A: Your own city's website	Source A: Types of City Government

Summative Performance Task	Argument: [Is local government important?] Construct an argument to answer the compelling question using evidence from sources to support your claim. (Arguments can be in the form of posters, brochures, pictures with sentences, etc.) Sentence starter: Local government is important for many reasons. First, _____. Second, _____.
	Extension: Explanation of the form of government used in your city. Sentence starter: My city uses the _____ type of government. I know this because _____.
Taking Informed Action	Act: Create a video as a class encouraging students to learn more about their local government.

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