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Course

[Social Studies 1](#)

Topic

Community Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities

Big Idea

Our rights, roles, and responsibilities are important for building strong communities.

Essential Question

How do my decision affect those around me?

Learning Standards**Content**

Students are expected to know the following:

- roles, rights, and responsibilities in the local community

Curricular Competencies

Students are expected to be able to do the following:

- Identify fair and unfair aspects of events, decisions, or actions in their lives and consider appropriate courses of action (ethical judgment)

Core Competencies

[Communication](#) – I can explain why communities have rules and laws.

[Thinking](#) – I can reflect on my rights and responsibilities.

[Personal and Social](#) - I can describe how my decisions impact my community.

First People's Principles of Learning

Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

Introduction

- Read aloud or show a video of the picture book [Franklin's Neighborhood](#) (6:33).

- Have students share things they like about their neighborhood.

Pre-Assessment

- Use a [Think Pair Share](#) strategy to have students respond to the question: What is a community?
- Record responses on chart paper. Guide students to understand that our neighbourhood and our school are examples of communities. Define “communities” as places where we live, work, learn, and play.

Interactive Learning Activities

Part 1: People and Places

- Show the video [Who Am I? Community Helpers](#) (5:11), stopping after each question to allow students to say who the community helper is.
- Ask: Who are the community helpers that make our community fun? Safe? A great place to live? Why are they important?
- Have students draw a picture of their favourite community helper and explain why they chose them.
- Point out that our community is made up of places as well as people.
- Ask: What places makes our community a great, fun, safe place to live? (Responses may include the rec centre, school, library, police station, and hospital.)
- Have students draw a picture of a favourite place in the community and explain why they chose it.

Part 2: Rules and Laws

- Explain that when people are together in a community, there are rules to keep everyone safe and happy. Rules help make things fair.
- Ask: What rules do we have at school? What rules do you have at home? (Point out that different families may have different rules.) What happens when you break a rule? (Point out that consequences for breaking rules may depend on the situation.)
- Show first 2 minutes 15 seconds of the video [Rules and Laws: Exploring Communities on Harmony Square](#).
- Explain that rules are made and enforced by people such as parents or teachers while laws are made by the government and enforced by the police.
- Provide students with the handout “Rule or Law”. Have students work with a partner to determine if each statement is a rule or law. They can show their decision by circling either the word “rule” or the word “law”.

Part 3: Rights and Responsibilities

- Explain that children have the right to feel happy and safe at school. Define “right” as something that every person deserves, and that cannot be taken away from them.
- Read aloud or show a video of the picture book [I Have the Right to be a Child](#) (3:44).
- Have students reflect on the rights that they have as children.
- Explain that children also have responsibilities. Define “responsibility” as something that is expected of you, and that benefits everyone.
- Ask students what things they are expected to do at home, at school, and in their community.
- Provide students with the handout “My Responsibilities” and have them write or draw at least

one responsibility they have in each of the following categories:

- At home
- At school
- Within our community

Part 4: Decision Making:

- Read aloud or show a video of the picture book [The Favorite Book](#) (4:00).
- Explain that we have to make decisions all the time. Some are easy to make such as; Do you want ketchup on your hot dog? Some are more complicated: Would like chocolate sundae with sprinkles? Whip cream? A cherry? Marshmallows? Candies?
- Have students share a time when they had to make a decision. Ask students how they make decisions. When is it easy to make a decision? When is making a decision difficult?
- Lead a discussion about who makes decisions in different settings:
 - At home (may include myself, parents, grandparents)
 - At school (may include myself, teacher, education assistants, principal)
 - In your city (may include mayor, grocery store manager, councillor, police, fire department, bylaw officer, park workers)
- Have students reflect on how their decisions affect their community by asking them to consider the impact of the following decisions:
 - I don't eat my snack.
 - I don't clean my bedroom.
 - I wear two different socks.
 - I throw my snack wrapper on the school grounds.
 - I leave my backpack on the floor.
 - I throw a plastic bottle in the creek.
- Will my decision affect others? the community? the environment? If so, how?

Part 5: Making Change

- Read aloud or show a video of the picture book [Hey, Wall](#) (3:10).
- Discuss the positive impact change can have in a community.
- Ask: How we make our community better?
- Take students on a walk to see what the class can do to make a positive change at the school or within the community and local environment.
- Upon return to the classroom, have students brainstorm a list of project ideas that will make a positive change in their community, such as a weekly school yard/street clean up or collecting bottles to make money for bee or bird houses.

Post-Assessment

- Provide each student with the handout "My Community".
- Have students respond to each of the four prompts with words and images.

Extension Activities

- Show a video of the picture book [Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighbourhood](#) (7:19).
- Have each student contribute a painting to a class mural.

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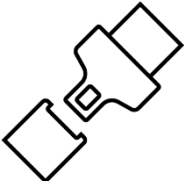


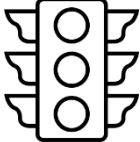
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Materials and Resources

Rule or Law

<p>Do not steal.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>	<p>Walk in the hall.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>
<p>Wear a seatbelt.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>	<p>Keep your hands and feet to yourself.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>
<p>Raise your hand.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>	<p>Stop at a red light.</p>  <p>Rule or Law?</p>

My Responsibilities



Home



School



Community

My Community

<p>I like to _____ in my community.</p>	<p>I can help others in my community by....</p>
<p>My community is special because...</p>	<p>One thing I would like to change about my community is...</p>