

Social Studies Theme: Citizenship

Lesson: Contribution

Grade Level:

Overview: Students learn how they can contribute to their community to make it a better place and the value of that contribution.

Approximate Duration: one class period

Social Studies Standards: NSS-C.K-4.5 Roles of the Citizen

http://www.educationworld.com/standards/national/soc_sci/civics/k_4.shtml

Objective: Students will be able to implement characteristics of a good citizen and be able to utilize what they have learned in their communities.

Procedure:

- Explain that students can help out to make your community a better place to live.
 1. Each person needs to contribute to his or her community to make it a better place to live.
 2. During WWII, Americans all over the country did their part to help with the war effort. People contributed in many different ways to help the nation at war.
- Talk to students about the value of involvement in their communities and read “Importance of Contribution to Your Community”.
- Explain to students how their class and classroom are like a small community, and tell them how they can work together in their classroom to make it a strong community.

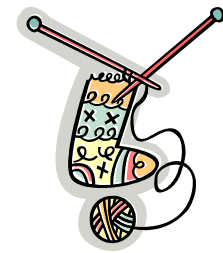
Assessment:

- Ask students what they could do to contribute to their community today.
- Have students to discuss the similarities and differences in contributing to the community during WWII versus contributing today.
- Have students brainstorm ways in which they can positively contribute to the class and classroom. Have them demonstrate their ideas and show how they can work together on a daily basis to play an important role in making their classroom the best community it can be. **Also have students brainstorm on how to positively contribute to the school garden.**

Importance of Contribution to Your Community

During WWII, people all over the country did their part to help with the war effort. Many people grew Victory Gardens as their way to help out. Food was rationed during the war, and therefore many families decided to grow some of their own food to help feed their families. By eating the food that they grew themselves, they could spend rationing coupons on other things they were not able to grow.

Another way people at home helped out during the war was by knitting hats and socks for the men in the military. Laundry and extra supplies were not always available to the men that were fighting, and therefore they needed new clothes in order to continue fighting and stay warm.



People all over the country came together as one community to help win the war. Without their contributions and work as one community, the USA may not have been as successful during the war.

It is still just as important for people to contribute to their communities today as it was during WWII. Some ways to contribute to communities today include recycling and keeping the community clean. Recycling helps to preserve the earth. By doing this, you can help save land and other natural resources. It is also important to keep the community clean. Make sure to throw your trash away in trash cans instead of littering. A clean community is a beautiful community.



Another way to contribute is by volunteering your time to help others. By helping those that are less fortunate you are giving back to your community. It is important to be a responsible citizen. By taking care of the community and being respectful of the people that are a part of it will help to make the community the best one it can be. You can also encourage your friends and family to contribute to the community as well. The more that people contribute to making the community a better place, the better it will be!