

Ideas About Incorporating Democratic Citizenship Into Social Studies Classes

Throughout all Social Studies Classes

- Current Events- with a focus on Politics

Social Studies 8

- Highlight other government systems throughout history in order to contrast to democracy
- Emphasis on the building blocks of democracy (Rome, Greece, Feudal System, Examples of Subjugation of People)
- Roots of Democracy – what has changed from the start to now? Also serves as preparation for Socials 11

Social Studies 9

- Aboriginal forms of Government and Politics
- First Contact between Aboriginal people and Europeans – Emphasis on the changing ideas on “what constitutes a citizen?”
- English Civil War
- French Revolution
- American Revolution - The American Bill of Rights and different interpretations of it
- British Colonial Governments – Critical Thinking around the question: Are decisions by a colonial democracy “real” democracy?
- Iroquois Confederacy

Social Studies 10

- Laurier Era – How were “others” left out of Canada’s democracy?
- Red River Provisional Government and Colonial Influences/Powers
- The Metis – Loss of land and Residential Schools
- Reservations and Aboriginal People

History 12

- Compare types of Government – Democracy, Communism, Fascism, and Socialism
- The League of Nations and the UN - Self Determination and Decolonization