

# Why do we need government?

## Types of Governments

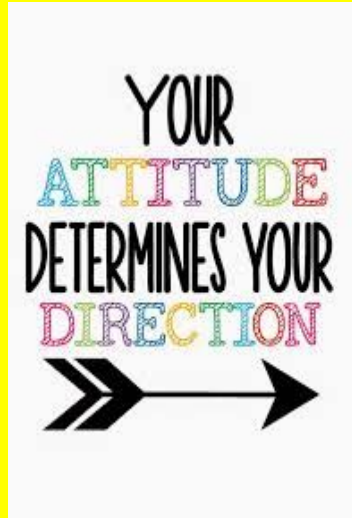


Long Block  
3/1 and 3/2



Learning Target: I will be able to explain why we need a government, and be able to compare/ contrast other types of governments that are out there.

### Positive Quote!



### What you need:

- Positive attitude
- Open mind
- Types of Government Packet
- Paper and Pencil
- Applying What I learned sheet (end of class)

### Agenda:

- Get going Activity (7-10 minutes)
- Circle Activity (Now What?) 5 minutes
- The need for government questions (15 minutes)
- Straw Activity- Tower of government 15 minutes
- Straw Activity-Evaluation sheet/ Questions 10
- Types of government walk around: 20 minutes
- Applying What I learned (writing) 10 minutes

### Warm Up:

On the first page of your packet has a do now.

You are to create and describe your own government in the blurb below.

Here is your chance to describe the government under which you would want to live.

1. Who would rule?
2. What are the laws?

# Circle Activity

Congratulations, Colonies!!! You have officially won the American Revolution! Life will never be the same. Jefferson wrote that official document declaring our freedom. Now, let's see what the colonies and you look like. What do we do now?

Directions:

1. Please form a circle and sit in a chair
2. Do not start talking until I give directions



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# The Need for Government Reading

- I am now going to give you 5 minutes to read those three paragraphs and then we will discuss how to answer questions 1-5



# Question #1 Why are governments necessary

Answer:

Governments are necessary because they maintain law and order. Laws are necessary for society to function. Life in a society without laws would be unsafe and unpredictable.

**Any other ideas??**



## Question #2-

# What types of services do governments provide?

Answer:

Build roads, and maintain roads, hospitals, and schools. They construct libraries, parks, and playgrounds and provide police and fire protection





# Question #4

Think about your community. Name 3 services our government provides

1.

2.

3.





Question #5-Do you think it is possible for a government to provide too many services or have too much influence in a society? Explain your answer!



# Straw Activity

1. I will split you into 5 groups
2. I will give you a package of straws and a roll of tape
3. Then I will hand each group a different government task paper
4. I will give you 25 minutes to try to build the highest straw tower, make sure that you follow the instructions given on your card
5. Then we will evaluate together



# Discussion Questions

1. Was the group who made the best tower efficient? How did their type of government help them get things done?
2. Which type of government do you think was the fairest among its citizens?
3. What were the disadvantages of your group's government? Advantages
4. What did you learn from this activity?

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