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Classroom Resources for Teachers

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 was one of the most notorious events that signaled the crumbling of the Soviet Union, and the approach of the end of 45 years of the intense ideological conflict and political, economic, and military tension that characterized the Cold War. This year, 2014, marks the 25th anniversary since the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the resources, lesson plans, and classroom projects included here provide excellent ways of encouraging students to explore and further their knowledge of this period in recent world history.

Community and the Cold War

Contained in this resource package are the tools to develop a lesson or major project that integrates Cold War primary source material with the general theme of “community”, while fitting with curriculum guidelines nationwide for students in grades 3 to 12. You are not required to use all of the materials provided, nor are you obligated to participate in any of the accompanying major projects. As an educator, you can pick and choose the content and materials you wish to use, and tailor it according to your own preferences and needs. Should you choose to use any of the major projects as set out in the packages, you will find that you will be able to participate on a number of levels, and will also be provided with the opportunity to have your students’ work featured in an upcoming museum education exhibit here at the Diefenbunker: Canada’s Cold War Museum.

This lesson plan

The Diefenbunker: Canada’s Cold War Museum, would like to thank you for actively contributing to enhancing understandings of Cold War history across Canada. Should you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-613-839-0007 ext. 223 or education@diefenbunker.ca.

Curriculum

Lesson: The Cold War: Communities in the Cold War	Level: Alberta, Grade 6 Social Studies Duration: 30 minutes
Topics	Communities, The Cold War, Mapping, Emergency Government, Citizenship
Curriculum Expectations (General and Specific)	<i>Social Studies 6</i> General Outcome Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the dynamic relationship between governments and citizens as they engage in the democratic process.

	<p>Specific Outcomes</p> <p>6.1.1 Recognize how individuals and governments interact and bring about change within their local and national communities</p> <p>6.1.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental principles of democracy</p> <p>6.1.4 Analyze the structure and functions of local governments in Alberta by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues</p> <p>6.1.5 Analyze the structure and functions of provincial governments in Alberta by exploring and reflecting upon the following questions and issues</p> <p>Skills and Processes</p> <p>6.S.1 Develop skills of critical thinking and creative thinking: Critically evaluate ideas, information, and positions</p> <p>6.S.2 Develop skills of historical thinking: Use primary sources to interpret historical events and issues; explain the historical contexts of key events of a given time period</p> <p>6.S.3 Develop skills of geographic thinking: Construct and interpret various types of maps to broaden understanding</p> <p>6.S.8 Demonstrate skills of oral, written, and visual literacy: Express reasons for their ideas and opinions, in oral or written form</p>
Learning Goals	In this lesson, students will demonstrate an understanding of the various ways in which their community is equipped for cases of emergency at the local, regional and federal levels, by creating maps of their communities. They will use a map of the Diefenbunker to compare and contrast their interpretations of the governmental and non-governmental services and people who would be important in case of an emergency.
Materials/Resources	Blank paper and pencil for every student and digitized floorplan of the Diefenbunker (found at http://diefenbunker.ca/rustic/blue_prints.php?langID=en)
Instructional Methodology	Map-making, compare and contrast, small-group discussion and informal presentation, whole-class discussion, whole-class interactive activity
Pre-Lesson	Students should be introduced to the Cold War, emergency government, and the Diefenbunker through the use of the provided package materials

Introductory Activity/Hook	Ask the students to imagine that their community is facing an emergency (either a natural disaster or other type, the actual cause of the emergency is not important to specify). The teacher will ask the students to draw on a sheet of blank paper a map of their community and include the different places, buildings, and people who they would go to in an emergency for help.
Lesson Outline	<p>Once the students finish their maps, the students will compare their maps with others in a small group and explain their choices to their group members. Together as a group, ask the students to identify which of the services and people on their maps are provided by municipal governments, and which are provided by provincial and federal governments, as well as non-government services and people. After, the teacher will ask a representative from each group to present the group's conclusions to the rest of the class.</p> <p>The teacher will then show students a digitized floorplan of the Diefenbunker on the projector screen. The teacher will lead a discussion with the students to prompt a comparison between the Diefenbunker community and the emergency services they drew in their maps. Ask questions such as: What sorts of emergency services in the Diefenbunker are the same as in your communities? Is there anything in the Diefenbunker community that you think would not be important in an emergency? Why is it important to have something like the Diefenbunker to protect our government? What is the role of government in an emergency? What is the role of a citizen?</p>
Closure	Based on the class discussion, the teacher will ask the students to turn the classroom into a mini, self-sustaining community, by asking students to volunteer to represent a place or person that is needed in the case of an emergency.
Assessment/Evaluation	Class discussion and participation
Implications for Future Lessons	This lesson links naturally with further work in comparing and contrasting maps, as well as identifying similarities and differences between personal communities and those of other regions and cultures.