

MINI-LESSON: VOCABULARY

*Alice at a
Glance
Curriculum
Packet*



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Mini-Lesson: Vocabulary

Grades: 6-12

Duration: 1 class period

OBJECTIVE:

Students will utilize vocabulary as a way to deepen their understanding about the women's suffrage movement.

STANDARDS:

State standards may include the following strands/topics:

America in the World; Active Citizenship in the 21st Century; Civics, Government, and Human Rights; History, Culture, and Perspectives; Literacy in Humanities/Social Studies

MATERIALS:

- Squares of paper or index cards
 - Vocabulary list (included)
 - Copies of vocabulary handouts
 - Optional: Overhead projector or SmartBoard for displaying student's categories of words
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PROCEDURE:

Present students with the list of vocabulary words. In their groups, students should copy each word onto a square of paper or index card.

Give the groups five minutes to arrange the words into at least two but no more than five categories. (Consider using three or four categories for sixth grade, which has a shorter list.) The categories can be anything they, as a group, decide. (As an example, some students might group words according to spelling or sound, meaning, connotation, words they know/don't know...any appropriate categories are acceptable.) If possible, let students work without giving them examples of categories.

Once groups have finished, have them share their categories and explain why they made the choices they did. If possible, recreate their categories and lists on an overhead projector or SmartBoard as a visual aid.

Distribute vocabulary handouts. Students have the remainder of class to work in groups to work with the handouts. Consider allowing students the chance to divide and conquer the labor. *If pressed for time, the instructor may give students the definitions and spend more time in class discussing the meaning and significance of these words before moving on to step five.

When students have finished the handouts, they should re-categorize the words based on their new understandings. Have groups share what they changed or left the same.

Consider completing an additional lesson from the Alice at a Glance Curriculum and have students re-categorize these vocabulary words after completion of the second lesson.

EVALUATION:

Students' understanding will be evaluated based on their completion of the word study handout and their discussion of the vocabulary words. Their original categorization serves as a pre-assessment of their understanding, while their later re-categorization is a post-assessment of their learning.

ADAPTATIONS:

To give students a deeper perspective of women's rights and related history, complete another lesson from the Alice at a Glance curriculum after students have defined the words. Once the second lesson is completed, then return to the vocabulary words and have the students re-categorize them based on their new understandings.

For an extended activity once students have completed their work with the definitions, students might write a short skit utilizing the vocabulary words and perform it for the class. Another option is to play "Vocabulary Charades," in which students must pantomime the word while their group/class guesses the word. As a bonus, consider having students correctly explain the meaning of the word before their team earns the points.

Words can be added or subtracted from these lists based on the relevant curriculum in individual classrooms. For students who need additional scaffolding, consider including some of the words already written out with certain boxes filled (definition or synonym/antonyms etc.) for the more challenging words.

NOTES & ASSESSMENT:

Modifications or notes to remember when using this lesson again:

Vocabulary Words

Grade 6

suffragist

picket

movement

Constitution

ballot

equal rights

citizen

freedom of speech

legislation

strategy

slogan

right

Grades 7-8

suffragist

picket

enfranchise

movement

Constitution

ballot

equal rights

militant

citizen

freedom of speech

legislation

bill

civic duty

strategy

slogan

right

Grades 9-10

militant

citizen

suffragist

picket

enfranchise

movement

Constitution

ballot

equal rights

ratify

freedom of speech

cause

petition

radical

legislation

bill

civic duty

strategy

Grades 11-12

ratification

disenfranchisement

movement

appeal

Constitution

citizen

advocacy

Progressivism

universal suffrage

cause

Equal Rights
Amendment

tactic

federal

civic duty

picket

Quaker

discrimination

obstacle

feminism

Word	Dictionary definition & part of speech	Synonyms & antonyms	Draw a picture to help you remember the meaning	Explain in your own words OR use in a sentence