

Chicago Progress Learning Unit Plan

EXAMPLE OF A LEARNING PLAN ORGANIZED TO DEVELOP IDEAS RELATING TO ONE MAJOR THEME.

Theme: What is important to Chicago progress?

Ideas I want the students to understand: A visionary can influence an entire city. The parts of a city are interrelated. Each person can participate meaningfully in progress through plans and collaboration.	Skills and Strategies Students will Expand: Read to Learn ILS1C,5A Analyze and infer cause effect relations Summarize Evaluate information Identify and support ideas Infer relationships Compare and contrast	Write to Explain ILS3B Synthesize and communicate information Write persuasive passages Write a report	Illustrate to Communicate ILS26B Represent ideas with images Illustrate a text to communicate its theme
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Part	Focus	Vocabulary	Activities
1	Chicago: A History of Choices and Changes <i>How has a bold plan changed Chicago?</i>	vision visionary idea city planner problem solution short-term long-term commitment cause-effect relations	List, then read, then summarize: What big ideas have changed Chicago? Make chart: Change, Immediate Effect, Lasting Effect: Burnham's Plan
2	Your Community Today <i>How does a community make progress?</i>	agency analyze asset community organizer data table progress service learning resource	List reasons, then read and add more: Why Community Service is important. Chart "community assets" Create Community Resource Guide—as a service to the community
3	Plan for Community Progress <i>How does collaboration result in progress?</i>	collaborate needs obstacle respond infer committed alderman persuade	Survey families about community needs. Identify strategies to respond to one. Organize a service learning project: contact the alderman with a plan.
4	The City Today <i>What is important to planning urban progress?</i>	infrastructure interrelationships transportation recreation communication urban health recreation education	Read and identify ways Burnham's plan affected Chicago. Chart what improvements you believe should be made for Chicago by 2020. Predict what Burnham would say about Chicago's priorities today.
5	Bold Plans. Big Dreams. <i>What is most important to Chicago's future progress?</i>	inspire vision priority responsibility contribute	Draft a 2020 plan. Draw Chicago in 2020. Write about yourself in 2020—what will you be doing to contribute to Chicago progress?

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