

Lesson Title: Active Citizenship

OVERVIEW:

It is important that citizens play an active role in society so that they can change laws to reflect society's changing values, traditions and beliefs. This lesson examines active citizenship.

OBJECTIVES:

- Know what it means to be active, informed citizens
- Know that democracy depends on the participation of the citizens

RESOURCES / MATERIALS:

- Website Resources (see below)
- Computers with Internet access

PROCEDURE:

1. Students develop a personal portfolio to demonstrate their commitment, present and/or future to making a difference in Saskatoon. Discuss the value of volunteering and how students can demonstrate this good citizen attribute. Discuss the value of activism on a local, national or global level. What can students do to make a difference in Saskatoon?
2. Brainstorm issues that affect children in Saskatoon with class. Record on poster paper. Categorize the issues under headings. Example: sports, buildings, social justice, health, environment, etc.
3. Determine through consensus what issue(s) interest students. How can students make a difference with this issue? Make a plan, research ways in which children have made a difference in other cities or countries.
4. Online sites are examples of Canadians making a difference in the world.

[Canadian International Development Site](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida_ind.nsf/AllDocIds/445085CE4463739E85256CE50062EF8D?OpenDocument) – How are Canadians making a difference in the world?

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Butterfly 208 – Site on how students (14 +) can assist students in Africa

<http://bp208.ca/main.php>

Volunteering in Saskatoon

<http://www.volunteersaskatoon.com/>

Children helping children through education:

www.freethechildren.com/getinvolved/index.html

Ryan's Well Foundation

Ryan Hreljac, Toronto student, builds a well in Africa.

www.ryanswell.ca

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ADAPTATIONS / EXTENSIONS:

“Good” Saskatoon Citizens – Word Search

- **Online Version**
<http://www.scs.sk.ca/saskatoon100/students/crosswords/CitizenWordSearch/citizen.html>
- **Printable Format**
http://www.scs.sk.ca/saskatoon100/students/crosswords/CitizenWordSearch/citizen_print.html

“Good” Saskatoon Citizens – Crossword Puzzle

- **Online Version**
<http://www.scs.sk.ca/saskatoon100/students/crosswords/goodcitizens/GoodSaskatoonCitizens-CrosswordPuzzle.html>
- **Printable Version**
<http://www.scs.sk.ca/saskatoon100/students/crosswords/goodcitizens/goodcitizens.pdf>