Our Community

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Sample Material Overview

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This package provides a sample of Our Community, from Nelson Social Studies Grade 1. Additional components for Chapter 1: Features of a Community, include:

- 1 complete Lesson Plan
- 1 Blackline Master
- 1 Photo Card

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The Big Book will help guide young learners through the exciting world of social studies. Here are some of the features they will see.

The Unit Opener introduces the unit.

The Big Question reflects the important learnings for the unit. Students will be returning to and reflecting on this question throughout the unit.
Chapter 1

Features of a Community

Every community has features that make it special. A community might have water, trees, rocks, flat places, and hills. These are the natural features of a community.

People build some features in a community. For example, they build roads, buildings, and pathways.

The Chapter Question encourages students to practice their inquiry skills.

Chapter Question

What natural and built features are in our community?
Let’s Ask Questions

We ask questions for different reasons. Questions help us find information, solve problems, and make decisions. They help us learn more about things we wonder about.

This map shows two possible bike paths. People in the community ask questions to get more information. More information will help them decide where the path should go.

Here are some questions people asked.

Why do we need a bike path?

Will the bike path be paved?

How can we protect the plants and animals in the park?

When will the bike path open?

Who will use the bike path?

Thin questions have short answers. For example, the question “Will the bike path be paved?” has a yes-or-no answer. Thick questions make you think and wonder and sometimes do research. Questions that start with Why or How are usually thick questions.

Try It

What are some thin and some thick questions you would ask about the bike path?

Try It questions encourage reflection and practice.
What Areas Are in a Community?

Communities have shopping areas.
Communities have areas with homes. Homes include houses, townhouses, and apartment buildings.
Communities have parks with grassy areas or playgrounds.

What other areas does a community need?

Then and Now

These photos show the same place in a community. One photo was taken a long time ago. The other photo was taken not very long ago. What do you notice?

Then

Now

I Wonder

Why do communities change over time?

I Wonder

What other areas does a community need?

I wonder... questions allow for reflection and discussion.
## GRADE 1

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