

SOCIAL STUDIES TASK CARD

Task: Problem Solving

Basic steps:

1. Identify the problem
2. Determine the impact or effect of the problem
3. Identify possible solutions to the problem
4. Analyze/Evaluate the effectiveness of a solution

Questions:

- What is or was the problem?
- What is or was the impact or effect of the problem?
- What are or were some possible solutions to the problem?
- What solution is or was suggested and how effective is or was it?

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Task: Geographic Literacy

Basic steps:

1. Identify the topic of the map.
2. Identify the symbols used in the legend.
3. Use the grid to find examples of absolute location (latitude and longitude.)
4. Determine the purpose or use for this map.

Questions:

- What type of map is this?
- What does the key or legend show?
- What would this map be used for?
- What are some examples of information you can find on this map?
- What conclusions can you draw from the information on this map?

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Task: Decision Making

Basic Steps:

1. Identify the problem.
2. List the options.
3. Evaluate, or judge, each option.
Identify good and bad points.
Determine which points are most important.
4. Choose the option that seems best.

Questions:

- What is the problem/decision to be made?
- What options are available?
- What are the good points and bad points of each option?
- Which of these points is the most important?
- Which option is the best?

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Task: Identifying Frame of Reference and Point of View

Basic steps:

1. State the topic or issue.
2. Determine the person's position on the topic or issue.
3. Identify what you know about the person's frame of reference.
4. Ask how the person's frame of reference may have influenced his or her beliefs.

Questions:

- What is or was the topic or issue?
- What is or was the person's position on the topic or issue? How do you know what the person's position on the topic or issue is?
- What is or was this person's frame of reference?
- How did this person's frame of reference influence his or her position or beliefs?