

3rd Grade Social Studies

Textbook/Publisher Harcourt Brace	Sample Performance Description/ Character Trait Social Studies - Communities	Supporting Reading and Literature
Unit 1	What is a Community?	Harcourt Trophies Themes 1 and 2
		Red Brick Set - W
SSS	Government and the Citizen SS.B.1.2, SS.C.2.2, SS.B.1.2, SS.B.2.2	Newbridge 21/L, 28/M, 30/N, 40/Q
Goal	To help students discover that a community can be identified by its location, its people, its rules and laws, its resources and its history and to help students relate the importance of possessing outstanding character traits in order to build a strong community.	
<p>Activity</p> <p>Have students work with a partner to develop an interview to be done with a community leader. Emphasis will be placed in questions relating to any character trait such as courage, honesty, knowledge and patriotism. (Cooperation)</p> <p>Have students locate literature that relates to community building such as <u>The Little House</u>, <u>Roxaboxen</u>, etc., and give an oral book review. (Courage, Knowledge, Responsibility)</p>		
<p>Summary</p> <p>Students will analyze the essential elements of all communities. Literature text and visuals will be used to help make clear connections of those elements to building a community. (Cooperation, Service, Responsibility, Knowledge)</p>		