

Our Story, Our World



Unit 2

Culture and Traditions

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Lesson: 1

Past and Present: Communities



Essential Question:

- How has my community changed?

Objectives:

- I can explain how my community has changed.

Theme Vocabulary

Laws

Transportation

What Is a Community?

- A community is a group of people with shared interests or beliefs.
- Communities can be small, like a home, or large, like a country.
- Examples of communities include family, school, neighborhood, and city.

Name two communities you belong to.

Possible answers: school, classroom, neighborhood, city, country



How Do Communities Help?

- Communities help by ensuring safety and cooperation.
- Laws make it easier to work together and be responsible.

List two things people in a community do.

support each other, follow rules



Communities in the Past

- In the past, communities were built for trading and safety.
- People shared food and essentials.
- Today, communities are still built for similar reasons.



Why did people in the past form communities?

Circle two correct answers.

a. for safety

b. to live alone

c. to live outside in bad weather

d. to share resources

Changing Communities

- Communities change as people's needs change, like new jobs or moving.
- New technology, like cars and airplanes, makes transportation faster.
- Changes in transportation affect how people live.



Underline two reasons communities change.

Communities change as the needs of people change. For example, people get new jobs or move to different places.

Communities also change because of new technology, such as cars and airplanes. These have made transportation much faster and easier.

Transportation is how people travel from place to place.

Changes in transportation change the way people live.

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Mission Links: Find Evidence

Talk to a classmate about new technology in your school.

Name one new thing.

Circle two ways your community might be different if people used horses to travel.

slower travel

faster travel able

to cross water

more places for horses to live





Unlock the Mission Links

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Changing Activities

- In the past, children helped with chores and went to one-room schoolhouses.
- Today, children have more activities outside the home, like sports and festivals.
- Modern schools have multiple classrooms and teachers.



Write one way activities have changed over time.

more activities away from the home, most schools they attend today have several classrooms and teachers

Community Helpers

- Community members help each other with chores and support.
- Kindness and being welcoming are ways to help.
- Helping others remains important, even as communities change.



How do people in a community help each other? **List** two ways.

support each other, keep each other safe

Explain why people should follow the rules of their community.

so it is easier for people to work together within a community

Skills Practice: Compare and Contrast

Comparing is finding ways things are similar.

Contrasting is finding ways things are different.

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Write one thing that is similar and one thing that is different in these two communities.

One thing that is similar is that both cities have hot summers.

One thing that is different is that Madrid has cold and cloudy winters, but Tokyo has mostly warm and sunny winters.

Try it!

Circle the ways that these communities are the same.

Underline the ways they are different.

Many people

Fewer people

Fewer buildings

Many large buildings

Support each other