

Teacher's Notes for 'Tis the Season for Giving



'Tis the Season for Giving is a Social Studies Civics unit targeting Grades 5-8. This unit incorporates English, Social Studies, Math, and Technology. Students will choose an organization to support in their community. Then they will design a plan for a toy, clothing, or food drive in their school depending on the needs of the chosen organization. They will also be asked to write a letter to local businesses and community leaders asking for donations, create a plan for how they will collect, and distribute the donations to the organization, and develop an advertisement that can be displayed throughout the school and community, culminating in a presentation to their classmates.

This unit addresses the following National Standards:

<p><u>NSS-C.5-8.5</u> ROLES OF THE CITIZEN</p>	<p><u>NM-DATA.3-5.4</u> UNDERSTAND AND APPLY BASIC CONCEPTS OF PROBABILITY <u>NM-DATA.3-5.1</u> FORMULATE QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED WITH DATA AND COLLECT, ORGANIZE, AND DISPLAY RELEVANT DATA TO ANSWER</p>
<p><u>NL-ENG.K-12.4</u> COMMUNICATION SKILLS <u>NL-ENG.K-12.5</u> COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES <u>NL-ENG.K-12.7</u> EVALUATING DATA <u>NL-ENG.K-12.8</u> DEVELOPING RESEARCH SKILLS <u>NL-ENG.K-12.11</u> APPLYING LANGUAGE SKILLS</p>	<p><u>NT.K-12.1</u> BASIC OPERATIONS AND CONCEPTS <u>NT.K-12.2</u> SOCIAL, ETHICAL AND HUMAN ISSUES <u>NT.K-12.3</u> TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTIVITY TOOLS <u>NT.K-12.4</u> TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION TOOLS <u>NT.K-12.5</u> TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH TOOLS <u>NT.K-12.6</u> TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM-SOLVING AND DECISION-MAKING TOOLS</p>

In addition, 'Tis the Season for Giving incorporates IDE's [Ten Principles of a Learner-Active, Technology Infused Classroom](#). Students are presented with a higher-order, open-ended problem which is presented through the use of a rubric. As they work to complete the task, individually or with others, they are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning through scheduling their own time and learning activities. Technology is used as a resource or a means to convey information and achieve high academic standards. It also provides the student with the opportunity to pursue his or her individual learning path. Finally, the task asks students to engage in building high social capital within their community while promoting global citizenship.