



TOOL // Social Studies Diagnostic Task

What is it used for?

The tool allows the teacher to assess prior knowledge that students bring to a particular unit.

How do you use it?

At the beginning of the unit the students are given a collection of pictures that relate to the unit. Under each they are to record what they know about that picture or just what they think it is. For example, before a unit on government the students would be given pictures of the parliament buildings, the prime minister, the premier, etc. The diagnostic could be revisited at the end of the unit and students could record in a different colour what they now know

How could you adapt for other subject areas?

As a result of the teaching learning, this can be used in any subject area where key information can be represented pictorially.

Jot down any ideas or words you think of when you see the following pictures.



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LEGISLATIVE

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