

Strategy #9: Vocabulary Cycle

Grades 4 - 6 Social Studies

Purpose

- To gain a deeper understand of the meaning of terms
- To recognize and identify similarities, connections and differences between words

Steps

- The teacher prepares a vocabulary cycle (see below).
- A list of content terms equaling the number of circles on the diagram are placed in the middle.
- Students place terms on the diagram, explaining the connection or relationship between the terms in writing on the diagram.
- Students may work in groups discussing various meanings of the terms.

Review

- Students working in groups make vocabulary cycles for other groups.
- They might make vocabulary cycles, Sort and Predict frames and concept frames for each other.

Adapted from Word Cycle – Manitoba Education and Training Success for all Learners: 1996 p.6:31-6:32