Scope & Sequence

LITTLEPATRIOTS

Democracy, Faith, and Freedom: Tocqueville's American Journey

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Topic	Democracy in Action: Alexis de Tocqueville's Vision of America	Tocqueville and the American Experiment: A Deep Dive into Democracy	Tocqueville's America: Exploring Democracy and Its Foundations	Local Government and Liberty: Tocqueville's American Observations	Religion and Democracy: Tocqueville's Exploration of American Values	The Balance of Power: Understanding Tocqueville's View of American Governance
Activity	Activity: Tocqueville's Tracks Activity: Habits of the Heart - Being a Good Citizen	Activity: Majority and Minority Decision-Making Game Activity: Tocqueville's Tracks Activity: Tocqueville Kindness Quest: Exploring "Habits of the Heart"	Activity: Tocqueville's Travels: Observing Democracy in Action Assessment: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down Answer Key: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down	Activity: My Own Democracy in Action Assessment: Multiple Choice Quiz Answer Key: Multiple Choice Quiz	Activity: Democracy in Action: Discovering and Displaying America's Values Activity: Tocqueville's Tune Assessment: Short Answer Quiz Answer Key: Short Answer Quiz Activity: Student Text	Activity: Symbols of American Values: Tocqueville's Observations Rubric: Symbols of American Values Activity: Founding Fathers and Tocqueville: A Tale of Two Thoughts on American Democracy Rubric: A Tale of Two Thoughts on American Democracy Activity: Student Text
Video	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy LMWL: Tocqueville's America: What Makes the U.S. Different from Other Countries?	SSA: Alexis de Tocqueville/Reflections on American Democracy LMWL: Faith and Freedom: How Religion Strengthens Democracy

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Objectives	Explain who the Founding Fathers were and why they helped create important documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Understand that a government is a group of leaders who help make rules and decisions for a community, state, or country. Explain that in a democracy, people help make decisions by voting for leaders and laws. Understand that self-government means people make their own rules and work together to take care of their communities. Identify how faith helped guide people in making good choices and treating others with kindness and fairness. Explain that Tocqueville traveled to America and learned what made the country strong.	Identify the Founding Fathers as leaders who helped create the United States by writing important documents like the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Recognize that the Declaration of Independence declared America's freedom from Great Britain and explained that all people have natural rights given by God. Explain that a government is a group of leaders who make rules and decisions to keep a country safe and fair, and a democracy is a government where people help make decisions by voting. Connect Tocqueville's visit to America to a field trip, where he learned how the American government and communities worked. Discuss that self-government means people make their own decisions instead of being ruled by a king, and Tocqueville believed this helped America succeed	Understand what an observation is and be able to identify things they notice in their surroundings. Identify the importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Recognize the role of self-government and how people make decisions in their towns and cities. Understand how the Founding Fathers worked to create a government that protects everyone's rights. Discuss how Tocqueville observed the importance of local government and how it helped people live and work together. Explain how religion and faith helped guide people's choices in America, according to Tocqueville. Recognize the value of responsibility in helping communities grow stronger. Write observations about how self-government, faith, and responsibility contribute to a strong	Understand the concept of self-government and how it allows people to make decisions in their communities. Explain that Tocqueville observed the importance of local government and how it helps people become responsible citizens. Describe the role of religion in American society and how it helps shape the values and decisions of the people. Understand the concept of democracy and why it is important for people to have a say in how their country is run. Recognize the significance of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights in ensuring that people's freedoms and rights are protected. Analyze how Tocqueville's observations about American society and government helped him understand how freedom and religion can work together. Reflect on the role of good values and self-control in maintaining a	Define self-government and explain how it allows citizens to make decisions and shape their communities. Identify the core principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including natural rights and the importance of democracy. Describe Alexis de Tocqueville's observations about how American society functioned in 1831, including the role of local government and religion. Analyze how Tocqueville's observations helped him understand the relationship between faith and democracy in America. Explore how local governments, such as town councils, discuss and vote on issues, contributing to a strong, democratic society. Reflect on how personal responsibility and participation in local government help create a fair and free community. Compare and contrast Tocqueville's	Understand Alexis de Tocqueville's observations about the importance of local government in America, particularly how it contributes to the strength and freedom of the country. Identify the key principles outlined in Tocqueville's book Democracy in America, particularly his views on the relationship between religion and democracy. Describe how the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights protect citizens' rights and why these documents are important for the protection of freedom. Recognize the role of local government in promoting fairness, safety, and community involvement, as observed by Tocqueville during his visit to the United States. Reflect on the Founding Fathers' belief that religion was necessary for a successful government and explain how this belief influenced the shaping of American

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Objectives (Continued)		Recognize that Tocqueville saw how faith and religious values helped Americans make good choices, treat others with kindness, and support freedom. Explain that the lessons Tocqueville learned about democracy, freedom, and self-government still matter today, as people continue to vote, help their communities, and protect their rights.	community, based on Tocqueville's observations experiences or broader historical contexts.	fair and peaceful society. Recognize the importance of working together, voting, and participating in local government as a way to ensure a strong, fair, and free country.	observations of democracy in the United States with what he experienced in his home country of France. Connect Tocqueville's views on democracy, religion, and self-governance to American exceptionalism, recognizing how these values shaped the nation's development.	democracy. Examine the concept of "the balance of power" in American government, as observed by Tocqueville, and why it is important for ensuring fairness and preventing abuses of power. Compare and contrast Tocqueville's observations of American democracy with the events in France during the French Revolution, particularly regarding religion and government. Analyze how the principles of responsibility, self-governance, and political engagement contribute to the success of a democratic society, using examples from Tocqueville's observations.
Faith Supplement (Optional)	**Matthew 7:12** **Romans 13:1-2** • **Understanding Democracy and Local Government:** Students will recognize the importance of local government in empowering citizens and how it promotes fairness and justice, both in the United States and through a Christian lens. • **Biblical Application of Freedom:** Students will relate Tocqueville's observations of freedom with biblical teachings about God-given liberty and the responsibility to act justly in a community. • **Religious Influence on Society:** Students will understand the role of religion in shaping American society and how Tocqueville saw it as a force that strengthened democracy and personal freedoms. They will also connect this understanding to Christian values, focusing on how faith strengthens freedom and justice. • **Application of Restraint and Responsibility:** Students will apply the principle of restraint, as observed by Tocqueville, to their own lives, understanding the biblical call to act justly and to respect others' rights while making decisions that honor God.					

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- **Memory Verse Retention:** Students will commit Romans 13:1 ("Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established") to memory, reflecting on how it relates to Tocqueville's ideas of balanced power and Christian responsibility.
- **Reflection on Christian Responsibility in Government:** Students will reflect on their own roles as responsible citizens in God's kingdom, making thoughtful and just decisions in their communities while practicing biblical freedom.