**Socials Grade 7**

**Empowerment Notes**

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There are five main areas of empowerment: economic, political, cultural, societal and national.

1. **Economic Empowerment**

* ***Economics*** is the study of how people work to create wealth. It includes how we produce, distribute and consume goods and services.
* **What is economic empowerment?**

Economic empowerment comes from having enough wealth to take care of your needs.

* **How can people gain economic empowerment?**
* By finding out what jobs will be in demand
* Learning the skills they need to get these jobs

1. **Political Empowerment**

* ***Politics*** is the general term for all the things we do to organize ourselves, settle disagreements, and make decisions in schools, communities and countries.
* **What is political empowerment?**

Political empowerment comes from having a say in how things are organized and how decisions are made.

* **How can people become politically empowered?**

To become politically empowered you need to learn as much as you can about the issues, think for yourself what you feel is the best decision and

work to convince others to do what you think is right.

1. **Cultural Empowerment**

* ***Culture*** is a way of life. It is made of everyday things such as language, food, clothing, and spiritual beliefs
* **What is economic empowerment?**

Cultural empowerment comes from being free to practise your culture - no matter how large or small your group is.

* + **How can a culture be empowered?**

For a culture to stay strong and for its people to be empowered, people need to remember their history and be able to teach their language and traditions to their children.

1. **Societal Empowerment**
   * ***Society***involves everything people do when they live, work, and play together in communities.
   * **What is societal empowerment?**

Societal empowerment comes from all members of society being treated equally and fairly.

* **How can a person have societal empowerment?**

In order to have a fair society, it is important for people to use power wisely and for people to speak up if they think something unfair has happened.

1. **National Empowerment**
   * ***Nation*** is another word for country.

**What is national empowerment?**

* + When a nation has the power to make its own decision this is national empowerment.

**How can Canada be nationally empowered?**

* + There are many important decisions that Canada needs to be able to make without other nations telling them what to do. Canada must also be able to make its own laws and decide what to do with its resources. Also if there are wars in the world, Canada must decide whether or not they will become involved.