**Socials Grade 7**

**The Five Pieces of the Empowerment Puzzle**

Instructions: Read pages 10 to 13 and fill in the blank with the word or phrase that best fits.

**Economic Empowerment**

* Economics is the study of how people work to create wealth. It includes how we produce , distribute and consumes goods and services.
* In Canada, wealth is distributed through a system in which people work to earn money.
* They use the money to buy what they need.
* How can people gain economic empowerment?

1. By finding out what jobs will be in demand
2. Learning the skills they need to get these jobs

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

**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.

* 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.

**Cultural Empowerment**

* Culture is a way of life . It is made of everyday things such as

1. language
2. food
3. clothing
4. spiritual beliefs
   * Cultural empowerment comes from being free to practise your culture -

no matter how large or small your group is.

* + How can a culture remain strong?

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

**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.

* + There are many different groups within society. Sometimes one group will

have more power then another (because they are wealthier or has more political power). In order to have a fair society, it is important for people to use power wisely.

**National Empowerment**

* + Nation is another word for country.
  + There are many important decisions that nations need to be able to make without other nations telling them what to do. When a nation has the

power to make it’s own decision this is national empowerment.

* + It 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, a nation must decide

whether or not they will become involved.