Social Studies 10-2

Unit S: Social studies skills and processes

Decisions and democratic practice

A festival on a cut bank

- A prairie town wants its fall festival on the riverbank after spring high water cut the bank.
- Local food vendors, a waste station, and a safer shore are all on the table.
- A student team will advise the recreation board with a plan people can live with.

Consensus and roles

- A decision starts with a question, then the evidence, then the options, then a position you can defend.
- Cooperation means you listen, you negotiate, and you choose a peaceful way through a disagreement.
- A community action should make daily life better and should give each teammate a real job.

Key terms

inquiry sequence

An inquiry sequence is a decision path that runs from a question to evidence, then to options, and then to a position.

consensus

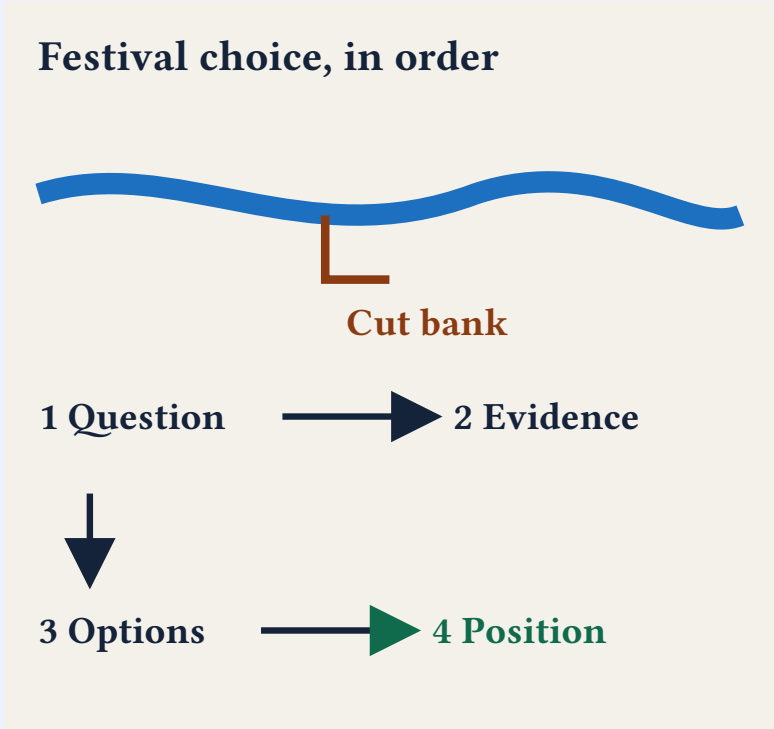
Consensus is a group choice members can support after they listen, negotiate, and keep the discussion peaceful.

community action

Community action is an age-appropriate step that improves well-being in a school or town and gives each teammate a respected role.

A festival choice, in order

- The question: how can the festival support local income and a safer riverbank?
- The evidence: the cut bank, last year's waste tally, and a list of local food vendors.
- Three options: cancel the festival, bring in a large imported show, or pair local vendors with a supervised morning to care for the bank.



Worked position on the festival

- The question, the evidence, and three options are on the table before anyone states a position.
- The middle option pairs local vendors with a glove and bucket morning on the bank.
- The position cites the cut bank and the waste tally as the carrying evidence.

Consensus and a shared calendar

- One teammate wants a long imported concert, and others want the care morning and local vendors.
- The team listens, negotiates a shorter concert, and keeps the disagreement peaceful.
- A shared digital calendar holds the date, the meeting tree, the roles, and a reminder.

Review

- List the inquiry sequence in order: the question, the evidence, the options, and the position.
- Say what consensus requires: listening, negotiation, and a peaceful way through the disagreement.
- Name four fields a shared digital calendar should hold for the action.

Reuse the decision path

- A question, the evidence, the options, and a position give you a choice you can defend.
- Consensus grows when people listen, negotiate, and choose a peaceful way through the disagreement.
- A shared digital calendar makes the team’s action visible, with a date, roles, and a reminder for each person.