

TOPIC 5 – MODERN GOVERNMENT

Topic Overview

Topic 5 highlights the modernizing of North Dakota government, including the construction of a new Capitol. It includes primary sources that will help you understand reforms that resulted in greater efficiency of government for the people of the state.

Topic Objectives

- As a result of the study of Topic 5, you will be able to
 - Analyze and interpret primary documents.
 - Explore developments in modernizing North Dakota government.

ND Content Standards

- 8.1.2
- 8.3.4
- 8.4.1
- 8.4.4

Common Core Standards

- RH 2
- RH 3
- WHST1
- WHST 2
- WHST 8
- WHST 9

Topic Activities

- Debate/Discussion 1
- Debate/Discussion 2



Debate/Discussion 1

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In 1945, the legislature authorized the establishment of the Legislative Research Committee (LRC). Answer the questions below about the LRC, and complete a Discussion Web on the statement, *The role of the LRC/Legislative Council is still important today.*

1. When was the Legislative Research Committee established?
2. What was its purpose?
3. How many members made up the LRC?
4. How were the members chosen to be part of the LRC?
5. What is the current name of Legislative Research Committee?
6. List some of the major accomplishments of the LRC.



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Debate/Discussion 1 (continued)

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A **Discussion Web** is a type of graphic organizer used to help focus attention on facts that support or disagree with a statement in order to draw conclusions through critical thinking.

Complete the following **Discussion Web** based on the statement, *The role of the LRC/Legislative Council is still important today.* **Image 8. 0032-SN-21-03.**

SUPPORT

List in the appropriate column a minimum of three reasons to either support or disagree with the statement below.

DISAGREE

1.

1.

2.

2.

3.

3.

**The role of the
LRC/Legislative
Council is still
important today.**

Discuss your reasons with a partner or small group. From the reasons given, what conclusion did you and your partner or small group arrive at after your discussion?

Conclusion



Debate/Discussion 2

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Topic 5 addresses North Dakota’s move to modernize government. The building of the new Capitol in 1934 resulted in more government offices in order to grow with the state’s needs. With a partner or in a small group, study **Image 5. 1920 mp**; **Image 6. C1308**; and **Image 7. Cap mp**, and write in the appropriate box details you see in each photo that relate to the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds. Discuss what you learned about the Capitol Grounds that you did not previously know.

Image 5. 1920 mp
*1920 Drawing of Proposed
New Capitol Grounds*

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Image 6. C1308
*1935 Arial View of Capitol
Grounds*

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Image 7. Cap mp
*Recent Plans for Capitol
Grounds*

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What did you learn about the North Dakota Capitol Grounds that you did not know before?

