

Class -VIII

Subject – POLITICAL SCIENCE

Lesson- 2 –Understanding Secularism

Activity – P.E.C activity- Festivals of India

Learning Outcome: -Show tolerance for different religions of our country.
Appreciate the religious diversity in our country.

What I have to do? –

1. Follow the instructions.
2. Categories the festivals.
3. Note the responses

Time Required – 60 mins/2 periods

What do I need? – To see shared video by teacher and enquire more on the festivals celebrated across India from family and friends. Picture cards envelope and response sheet.

Type of activity – Team Work

What I already know?- Different religions and customs prevalent and practiced in India.

Teacher's Activity-

Preparedness - To prepare picture cards of different festivals celebrated in India .Arrange for a skipping rope , coloured tape for markings at an interval of 5 cms on the pole. Response sheet, three bowls and correct response sheet. All material to be kept inside a box.

Ask the class to watch the video related to festivals of India a day before the activity

Procedure-

1. Divide the class into two teams –Team A and Team B each consisting of equal number of students.
2. Ask team A to line up and provide picture cards envelope to team A.
3. A member of Team B to stand near the three bowls kept at a distance to note the responses given by members of Team A.
4. Two volunteers to sit facing each other holding the rope near the pole with markings.
5. Team A members will run towards the bowl and drop the picture card . If the response is incorrect then teacher will indicate to raise the level of rope.
6. After dropping the chit the member has to jump over the rope and join its team back.
7. One by one all students of team A will complete the task. The team B member will note the responses given by the members of Team A. The same How do I proceed? will be repeated by Team B.
8. The teacher will note the timings for both the teams. At the end teacher will share correct answers.

How will I proceed? –

1. Follow the instruction.
2. Divide yourself into two teams.
3. Drop the picture card into correct bowl.
4. Complete the response sheet.

What have I observed?-

National Festivals	Harvest Festivals	Birthday festivals

What I have learnt? – Complete the worksheet of the lesson- from the assignment booklet.(Sample provided)

Ours is a secular country. People can freely follow their own religious here. In matters of education and employment, the government does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of his or her religion, caste etc. Religion disharmony is a blot our rich culture.

Let us see, how well do you know of various religions in our country ? Fill in the blanks with answers from the help box :

1. The _____ are the main scriptures of the Hindus.
2. The Muslims follow the _____ religion, which in arabic means obedience.
3. The two main sects of Christianity are _____ and _____.
4. The Christian's holy book is the _____, their place of worship is called the church, and their holiest place of pilgrimage is _____.
5. The two main sects of Buddhisms are the _____ and the _____.
6. The founder of Sikh religion was _____.
7. The Parsis follow the _____ religion and their place of worship is the _____.
8. The religion of Jews is _____ and they offer prayer at the _____.

Zoroastrian, Mahayana, Protestant, Bile, Fire Temple, Jerusalem, Guru Nanak Dev, Synagogue, Catholics, Judaism, Vedas, Hinayana, Islam.

