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BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Identifying ways we all benefit from taxes

Federal, state, and local governments collect taxes to pay for public programs and resources that benefit our society as a whole.

These include things like schools, libraries, parks, and police and fire protection. Identifying programs and resources near you that are paid for with taxes can help you see how tax dollars benefit our communities.

Instructions

- 1 Working with your group, use the Internet and your knowledge of your community to create a list of programs and resources within 10 miles of your location that are paid for with taxes.
- 2 Work with your group to draw a map of these programs and resources.
 - a. Start by drawing yourself in the center of the map.
 - b. Add buildings, landmarks, and other things that show the programs and resources from your list.
 - c. Use the coloring supplies to add details to your map.

Planning for your map

Use this section to list the programs or resources you wish to add to your map.



Reflection questions

Did your group list any programs or resources that other groups didn't include?

Yes No

If so, why do you think there were differences?

What programs and resources did you learn about that you did not previously know were in your community?

Which program or resource are you most surprised to learn is paid for by taxes?