

Summary for Schools and Teachers

This standards-aligned unit invites middle school students to explore how population shifts across Georgia have shaped political power, representation, and democracy. Through a hands-on mapping activity based on historical census data and an introduction to current district maps, students learn to recognize how where people live influences voting and policy. Using resources like Georgians on the Move and interactive tools such as Representable.org, students begin to evaluate fairness in district design in age-appropriate ways.

Why This Matters:

This version empowers early civic learners to connect Georgia's history to the present through maps, visuals, and reflection. It supports inquiry-based learning, social studies literacy, and civic engagement from a young age, without requiring advanced data skills or tech-heavy tools.

Some of What's Accomplished:

- Students track historical migration and urban growth in Georgia
- Engage in visual literacy and spatial reasoning
- Begin to understand redistricting and its civic impact
- Reflect on fairness and representation in government