

Create a unit plan of 2 lessons for teaching about the domesday book

Lesson 1

Objective:

Students will understand the concept of the Domesday Book, its purpose, and be able to recognize its role in history.

Materials:

- Textbooks
- Printouts of Domesday Book pages
- Maps
- Pictures of 11th century England

Activities:

- Review of 11th century England (1066): Go over pictures and maps to explain the makeup of England during this time period.
- Discuss William the Conqueror and his goals: Explain how William was determined to create a great unified England and his attempts to do this through the Domesday Book.
- Introduce the Domesday Book: Give students a quick overview of the Domesday Book and its purpose.
- Explain the structure: Explain how the Domesday Book is organized, categorizing land ownership and resources.
- Go over primary sources: Show examples of pages from the Domesday Book to explain how it was written and what information was included.
- Group discussion: Have students break into smaller groups and discuss the importance of the Domesday Book and its significance in 11th century England.

Assessment:

- Class discussion on the importance of the Domesday Book.

Lesson 2

Objective:

Students will become knowledgeable about the data recorded in the Domesday Book, interpret the primary sources, and draw historical conclusions.

Materials:

- Textbooks
- Printouts of Domesday Book pages
- Worksheets

Activities:

- Review lesson 1: Quick recap of what was discussed in the previous lesson.
- Brainstorm historical conclusions: Have students brainstorm what conclusions they can draw from the data recorded in the Domesday Book.
- Interpret primary sources: Give each student or group of students a specific page from the Domesday Book and have them interpret the data recorded.
- Interactive discussion: Have students discuss their interpretations and draw conclusions based on their analysis.
- Draw a historical conclusion: Have each student or group draw a conclusion about 11th century England based on the data recorded in the Domesday Book.

Assessment:

- Individual or group worksheet summarizing a historical conclusion about 11th century England based on the Domesday Book.