

SS.7.C.2.13

Examine multiple perspectives on public and current issues.

SS.7.C.2.13 Benchmark Clarification 1: Students will identify groups that influence public perspectives.

Individuals, interest groups, and political parties each present different perspectives on the direction that government should take. Students should be familiar with the rights, powers, and responsibilities of each type of group. Students do not need to know the perspectives of any specific group because the public perspectives will be presented in the questions.

individual - a person

interest group - a group of people who are concerned with a particular issue and who try to influence legislators to act in their favor, also known as a special interest group

political party - an organization that tries to get political power by electing members to public office so that their political ideas can become laws or policies