

GRADE K-5 LESSON PLAN

THE OKLAHOMA STANDARD: VALUES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

What does it mean to be a good citizen? What do Service, Honor, and Kindness really mean? How can we best exemplify the Oklahoma Standard in our daily lives? This lesson plan aims to answer these questions.

BACKGROUND

The Oklahoma Standard was born out of the overwhelming community response to the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995. It lives on today as the model by which Oklahomans live their lives in response to the needs of their neighbors, fellow citizens, and communities. The foundation and significance of the Oklahoma Standard are its core values—**Service**, **Honor**, and **Kindness**.

Through continued awareness, education, and the preservation of these values, the Oklahoma Standard unites the people of Oklahoma to build a bright future of caring citizens who actively serve the community, honor the past, and demonstrate kindness.

LESSON SUMMARY

Students will participate in discussions and activities designed to show them what Service, Honor, and Kindness look like in their daily lives.

Time Frame

1 class period

Subjects

Social Studies, Oklahoma History

Essential Questions

- What does it mean to be a good citizen?
- What do Service, Honor, and Kindness really mean?
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RESOURCES

Available to download at OklahomaStandard.com/TakeAction

- Recognition Certificates (Printable)
- Pledge Cards (Printable)
- Posters (Printable)
- Video: Darci Lynne Farmer reading *A Day to Remember* (Grades K-2)

For more information on the history of the Oklahoma Standard, visit OklahomaStandard.com/About

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Available for purchase at MemorialMuseum.com/Shop

Children's Books

- *A Day to Remember* by Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust (Grades K-2)
- *Love Won: The Oklahoma Standard* by Cathy & Frank Keating (Grades K-3)
- *The Survivor Tree* by Gaye Sanders (Grades 3-5)
- *If the Fence Could Talk* by Brad Robison (Grades 3-5)

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1. Review the background of the Oklahoma Standard.

- What was unique about the response to the April 19, 1995, tragedy?
- What are some other challenges or tragedies throughout our state's history where the community has come together and supported one another?
- How does working together as a community help in achieving a larger goal?

2. What does it mean to be a good citizen?

- Discuss the importance (i.e. rule following, voting, helping others) of being a good citizen and contributing to society.
- What does it mean to be a "good citizen" at school, home, or in a group (sports team, scouts, etc.)?
- What are adjectives you would use to describe someone who is a "good citizen" and exhibits what we call "civic virtue?"

3. What do Service, Honor and Kindness mean?

- Why are they important?

4. When have you been a good citizen by demonstrating Service, Honor, or Kindness?

- What difference did it make?
- How does it make you feel when others demonstrate these values toward you? Provide some examples.

5. What are some things that we can do daily to make a positive difference in this world? How are they different for each group you belong to (i.e. school, family, sports)?

6. How can we share these values and encourage others to do the same (i.e. talk to your parents and friends, propose an activity at your school or in your community)?

7. Challenge students to **Take Action** in their school and community. What are some **Take Action** ideas that you have?

8. Have students fill out Pledge Cards showing how they will commit to the Oklahoma Standard. Display in the classroom or a hallway in school.

9. Reward students with Recognition Certificates when they demonstrate **Service, Honor, and Kindness**.

TAKE ACTION IDEAS

Show up to serve.

- Look for opportunities to help a teacher or parent.
- Volunteer with your family in your community.
- Help pick up trash at your local neighborhood park.

Rise up to honor.

- Visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.
- Place flowers on the chairs at the Memorial.
- Write a thank you note to your local fire or police department.
- Thank officers in the military for their service.

Step up to be kind.

- Smile at every person you see today.
- Hold the door open for the person behind you.
- Offer to share your snack with a classmate.
- Donate clothes and toys you don't need.

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EXAMPLES OF THE OKLAHOMA STANDARD FOLLOWING THE BOMBING AND TODAY

- 9,000 volunteers signed up with Red Cross to assist with relief services, including serving 193,300 meals to rescue workers.
- \$49 million was donated to United Way agencies within a year to assist survivors and family members.
- Food, batteries, boots, gloves and anything else that was needed was provided to help with rescue and recovery efforts.
- \$17 million was raised through private funds to help build the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum.
- \$450,000 was raised by kids through the 168 penny campaign to help build the Memorial Museum.
- Thousands of cards and letters of support were created by kids and sent to survivors, family members and first responders.
- Millions of dollars have been contributed to the Memorial and Museum since 2001, through the Memorial's largest fundraiser, the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon.
- Nearly 25,000 runners participated in the 2019 Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon's *Run to Remember* to honor *those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever*.
- 3,000+ volunteers donate their time to help in the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon annually.