





Lesson 1: Florida Cities: An Introduction

- Objective**
- To promote an understanding of the number and variety of cities in Florida in respect to size, location, and structure of governance.
 - To provide a comparison between your city and other municipalities in Florida.
 - To develop an understanding of the definitions and uses of each of the vocabulary terms introduced in this lesson.

- Materials**
- Facts on Florida Cities
 - Local Government Vocabulary
 - “A Quick Civic Review. . . City Government in Florida”

- Vocabulary**
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| Administration | Governance |
| City | Mayor |
| City Manager | Metropolitan Statistical Area |
| Commission | Municipality |
| Council | State |
| County | Town |
| Federal | Village |

- Strategies**
-  Make some brief, introductory remarks that explain the purpose of this unit and set forth the objectives for the lesson.
 -  Distribute a copy of Activity 1-1 to each student in class and allow them no more than ten minutes to complete the quiz. Do not expect many correct answers; the value of this quiz is in the review.
 -  Allow students to fill in the correct answers as you conduct the review. The correct answers are in your teacher’s answer key. Each question, as simple as it may seem, is designed to lead to a learning point. These points for discussion are identified in the text of your answer key. Take the time to explain and discuss these learning points as carefully as you can; each one is directly related to the objectives and vocabulary of this lesson.
 -  If time permits, conclude the lesson by reviewing the vocabulary.

Activity 1-1: Quiz on Florida Cities

1. Name the cities in Florida with a population of over one million people.
2. What is the largest city in Florida?
3. What is the smallest city in Florida?
4. Identify the oldest city in Florida.
5. Identify the newest city in Florida.
6. What is a municipality?
7. What is Home Rule?
8. What is the difference between a city council and a city commission?
9. Can you name any of the members of your city council?
10. Name two or three staff positions within a city.