

Trouble in Tyranny

Unit 6, Lesson 1

Essential Question

What is tyranny and how might we prevent it?

Warm Up



Think of the meanest movie, television, or book character that you can think of.

Warm Up



Describe some things that character does to make you believe that he or she is so mean.

Warm Up



What could be done to prevent that character from being so mean?

Warm Up



In this lesson, we are going to read about a mean character and some steps that can be taken to prevent him from being so mean.

Trouble in Tyranny

1. Read Resource 1: *Trouble in Tyranny* independently
1. Work with a partner to answer the questions at the end.
1. Be prepared to discuss your answers with the class

Resource 1: Trouble in Tyranny

Tyranny is a mythical island located in the Atlantic Ocean. Until recently, no one knew about it. Just this month, a young man from *Tyranny* named Vick Tim was spotted floating in a small boat just off the coast of Delaware. He told the people who rescued him that he escaped from *Tyranny*.

Vick is now telling everyone about what has been happening in *Tyranny*. We have learned that the island is named after its king who is a tyrant (pronounced "tie-rant"). A tyrant is a person who is mean and abuses power. The "Tyrant King," as he is known, does things that are very unfair to the people of *Tyranny*.

You are about to read about things that the Tyrant King does. Your task is to come up with some rights that the people of *Tyranny* should have so that they can be protected from the Tyrant King. A right is something that is guaranteed to you - something that you are legally allowed to have or do. Rights are things that normally cannot be taken away.

Vick Tim wants to return to *Tyranny* and start a rebellion against the Tyrant King. And he plans to get other people in *Tyranny* to support him by showing them the list of rights that you come up with. If the rebellion succeeds, everyone in *Tyranny* will be given those rights.



Check for Understanding

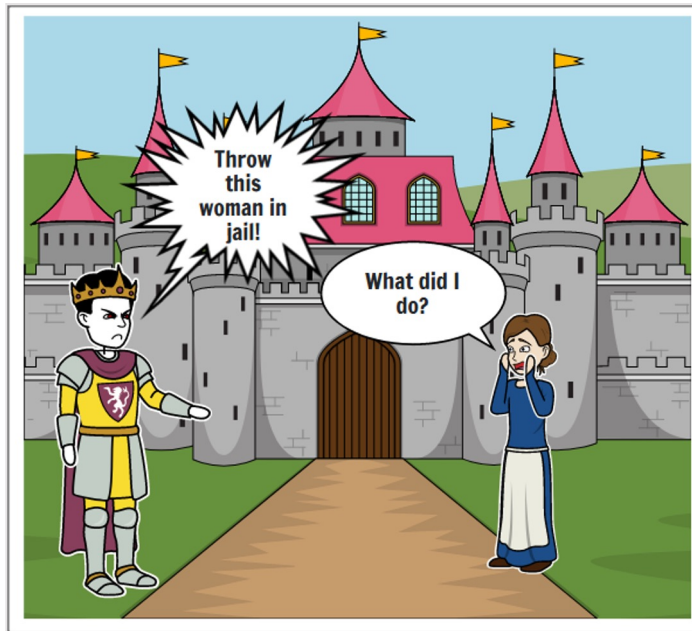
1. Why are people in Tyranny upset with their king?
2. What effects are the King's actions having on people living in Tyranny?
3. What is a right? Give an example of a right.

Station Activity

In each station, your group will read the scenario and come up with a right that the people of Tyranny should have to protect them from the Tyrant King.

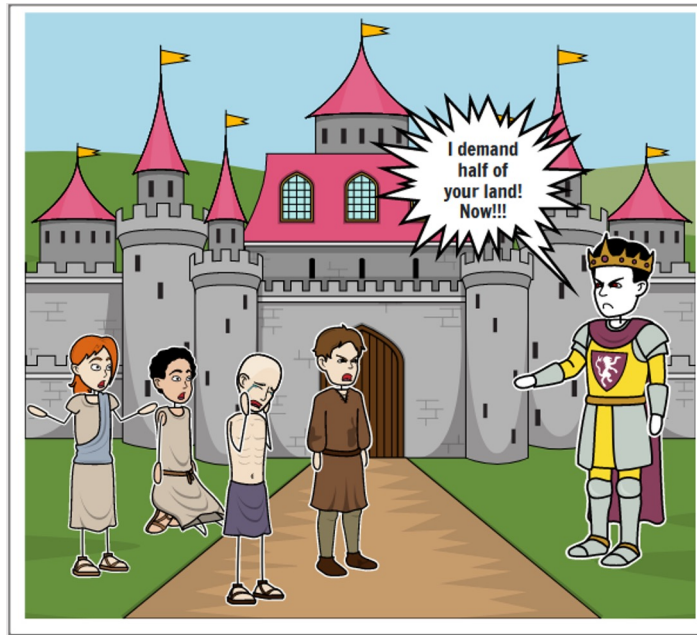
At the last station, you will be asked to share the right that the people of Tyranny should have





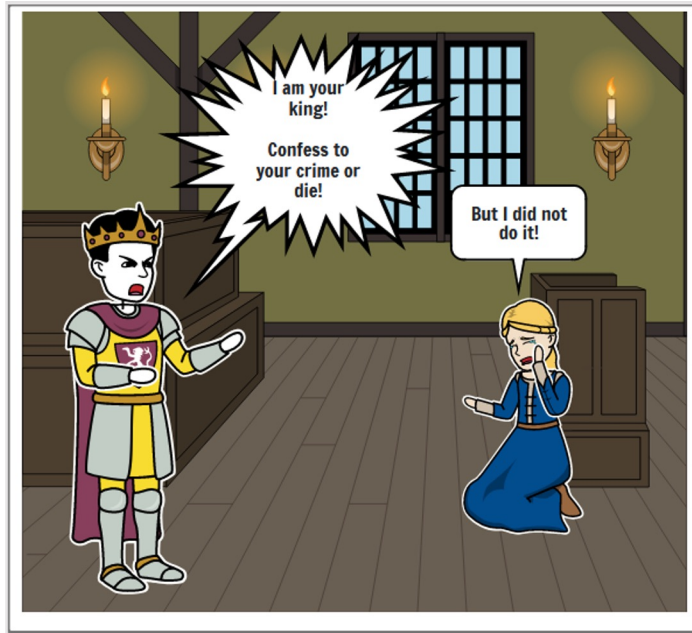
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Tyrant King Scenario 1



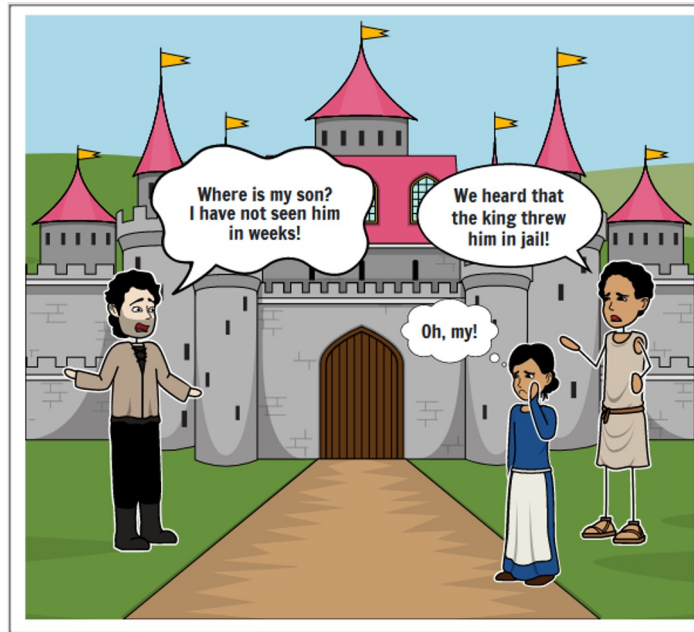
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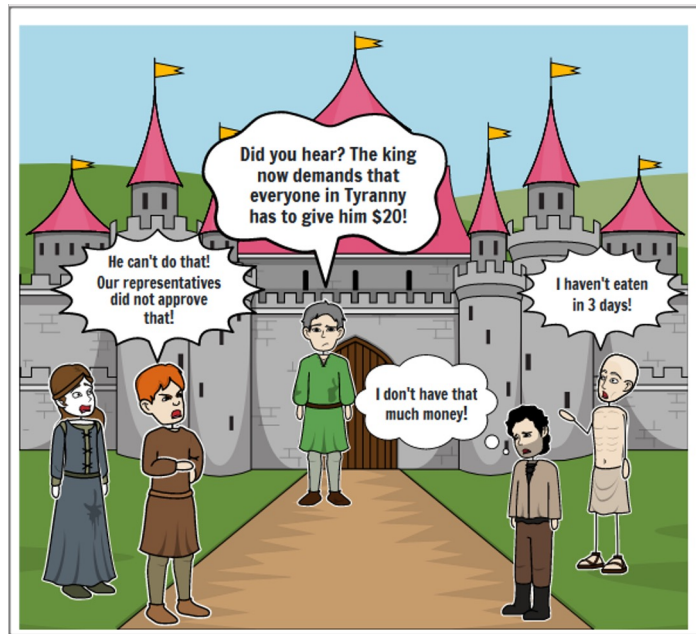
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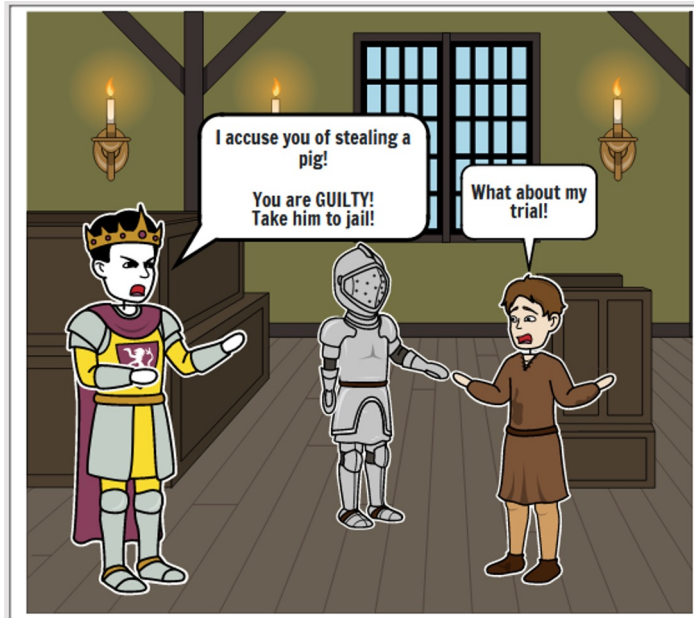
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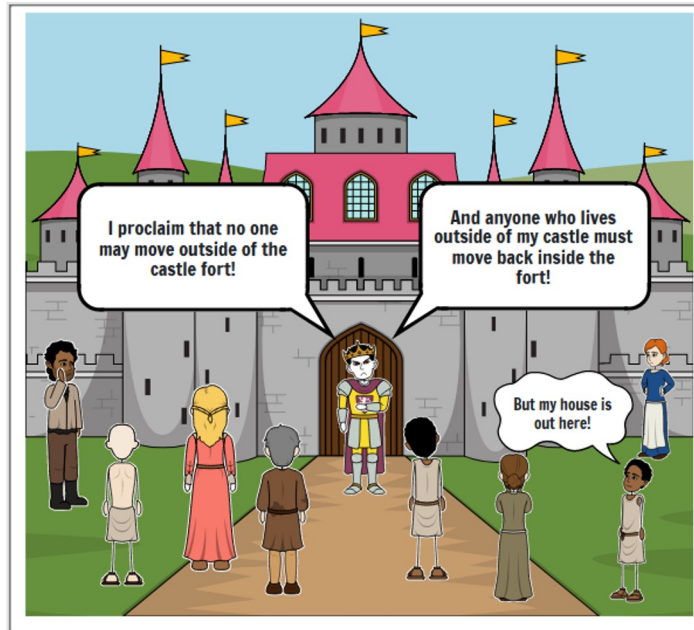
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Tyrant King Scenario 5



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Tyrant King Scenario 6



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Tyrant King Scenario 7

Debrief- Q1

What is tyranny?

What is a tyrant?

Debrief- Q2

What effects might tyranny have on people who are victims of tyrants or tyranny?

Debrief- Q3

How might people be protected from
tyranny?

Debrief- Q4

What are some rights that people might need to protect them from tyrants?

Looking ahead

The time period that we are going to learn about is one in which the people living in the English colonies begin to view their King in England as a tyrant.

The relationship between the Englishmen living in the 13 colonies and the people who rule over them in England will become so bad that the colonists will begin fighting against England.

Important questions to think about include:

- Why did the relationship become so bad?
- What did they fight for?



Check for Understanding

Take this time to
check your
understanding of
Trouble in Tyranny.

Resource 10: Checks for Understanding

1. Define the term "tyrant."

Some laws in our country appear in the box below. Read the laws then answer Question 2.

- People who have been put in jail must be told why they are in jail.
- People who are accused of crimes must be given a trial by jury.
- Property may not be taken by our government unless it has been done in a fair manner.
- People who are accused of crimes cannot be required to testify against themselves.

2. Why might we have these laws in our country?

3. What might happen if people living in a country have to live under tyranny?
