

SECOND TERM E-LEARNING NOTE

SUBJECT: CIVIC EDUCATION

CLASS: SS2

SCHEME OF WORK

WEEK	TOPIC
1.	Popular Participation
2.	Formation of Popular Organization
3.	Human Rights
4.	Emergency
5.	Drug Use and Abuse I
6.	Drug Use and Abuse II
7.	Effects of Drug Abuse
8.	Prevention of Drug Abuse
9.	Activities of Drug Law Enforcement Agencies

REFERENCE

Fundamentals of Civic Education for Senior Secondary School Book 2, Sola Akinyemi.

WEEK ONE POPULAR PARTICIPATION

Popular participation is the willingness and active involvement of the people in the conduct of the affairs of the state at various levels. Popular participation is important in democracy and it allows for effective operation and stability of the political system.

Factors that can Promote Popular Participation

1. Good governance.
2. Supremacy of the constitution.
3. Respect for human rights.
4. Mass education.
5. Enlightenment campaign.
6. Freedom of press.
7. Application of rule of law.
8. Free and fair election.

Reasons why people do not participate in politics

1. **Unfulfilled political promises:** People refuse to participate in public affairs due to the failure or inability of the leaders to fulfill their promises.
2. **Illiteracy:** The illiterates in the society see political activities as the birthright of the educated elite. Those who cannot read and write cannot be allowed to contest for any elective position. Therefore, they do not see any need to be actively involved in public affairs.
3. **Violence During Election:** Many people stay from popular participation because of the frequent violence that characterized most elections. They prefer to sit at home to avoid being victims of violence.

4. **Poverty:** Money plays a major role in any political system. The cost of electioneering campaign is high. Many good candidates cannot afford to meet this financial obligation hence they remain at the level of mere voters.
5. **Cultural/Religious Beliefs:** Some religions and culture do not allow women to take active part in public affairs. They see it as the duty of men.
6. **Fear of Intimidation:** Most people believe that the influential in the society could easily use their position to intimidate anybody they perceive as a viable opposition.
7. **Disability:** Those who are...