**Unit 1: Understanding the Community**

**Subunit 1: Types of Communities and Their Characteristics**

* Students will define community.
* Students will identify the characteristics of a community.
* Students will explore different types of communities.
* Students will examine and analyze how communities work.
* Students will compare and contrast two types of communities.
* Students will evaluate the effect of communities on individuals.
* Students will generate a persuasive text that reflects their understanding of the effects of community on individuals.

**Subunit 2: Literature and Communities**

* Students will identify popular topics in non-fiction literature for selected communities.
* Students will make inferences about communities and their members based on selected readings.
* Students will create a presentation that illustrates how literature conveys the values, morals, and norms of that community.