



Learning Project 9

Recognizing Types of Questions



This Learning Project features a long passage. It is the final selection from the Social Studies PA.

The topic of this passage is the federalist form of government. Understanding federalism is key to the understanding of any issue in both civics and government classes. In addition, the passage could be used as the stepping stone into a study of the various forms of government.

Inquiry 9-1 addresses the types of questions. Without looking at the reading passages, the learners must focus on the question types and assess what each question is asking them to look for. Each question is a different type. Those learners who have been working with the types of questions in their reading activities will find this a useful review. It could be used as an extension activity for other learners who have not studied question types thoroughly.

Inquiry 9-2 reveals the passage and presents a test-taking strategy that has been offered in the Reading book: that multiple questions on a single passage will have their answers found sequentially in the passage; that is, the first question will have the answer early in the passage; the next question will be answered from the middle of the passage, and the final question will have the answer found late in the passage. This is true of all passages with multiple questions in the GED test. It is not an area on which we focus, since we look at question types and content-reading strategies. In this final inquiry, we make this strategy clear.