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### **TOPIC 5 – MODERN GOVERNMENT**

## **Topic Overview**

Topic 5 highlights the modernizing of North Dakota government, including the construction of a new Capitol. It includes primary sources that will help you understand reforms that resulted in greater efficiency of government for the people of the state.

## **Topic Objectives**

- As a result of the study of Topic 5, you will be able to
  - o Analyze and interpret primary documents.
  - o Explore developments in modernizing North Dakota government.

## **ND Content Standards**

- 8.1.2
- 8.3.4
- 8.4.1
- 8.4.4

### **Common Core Standards**

- RH 2
- RH 3
- WHST1
- WHST 2
- WHST 8
- WHST 9

## **Topic Activities**

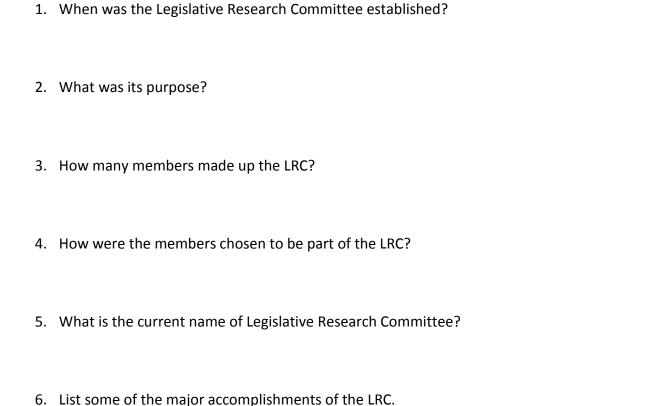
- Debate/Discussion 1
- Debate/Discussion 2

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# **Debate/Discussion 1**

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In 1945, the legislature authorized the establishment of the Legislative Research Committee (LRC). Answer the questions below about the LRC, and complete a Discussion Web on the statement, *The role of the LRC/Legislative Council is still important today*.



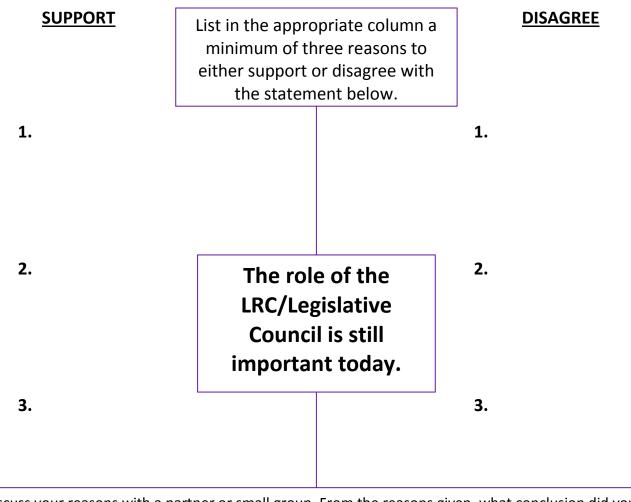
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# **Debate/Discussion 1 (continued)**

To access a photo/document/map, refer to the topic reading assignment or use the SEARCH feature to enter its name or number.

A **Discussion Web** is a type of graphic organizer used to help focus attention on facts that support or disagree with a statement in order to draw conclusions through critical thinking.

Complete the following **Discussion Web** based on the statement, *The role of the LRC/Legislative Council is still important today.* **Image 8. 0032-SN-21-03**.



Discuss your reasons with a partner or small group. From the reasons given, what conclusion did you and your partner or small group arrive at after your discussion?

# **Conclusion**





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# **Debate/Discussion 2**

To access a photo/document/map, refer to the topic reading assignment or use the SEARCH feature to enter its name or number.

Topic 5 addresses North Dakota's move to modernize government. The building of the new Capitol in 1934 resulted in more government offices in order to grow with the state's needs. With a partner or in a small group, study Image 5. 1920 mp; Image 6. C1308; and Image 7. Cap mp, and write in the appropriate box details you see in each photo that relate to the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds. Discuss what you learned about the Capitol Grounds that you did not previously know.

# Image 5. 1920 mp

1920 Drawing of Proposed  New Capitol Grounds
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# Image 6. C1308 1935 Arial View of Capitol Grounds

# Image 7. Cap mp **Recent Plans for Capitol** Grounds

What did you learn about the North Dakota Capitol Grounds that you did not know before?