

## Unit Planning Tool: Overview

Once you have decided on an overall topic or theme for your unit, you are ready to plan week by week. This unit plan will contain two parts: (1) a unit overview of expectations and resources; and (2) a weekly overview of learning objectives and activities.

The Unit Plan will provide a guide for:

- what you want students to learn (knowledge, skills dispositions), based on state and local curriculum documents and what you already know about your students as learners
- how you will allocate time to various resources and activities
- when/how you will assess and evaluate student progress
- when/how you will make connections to other subjects

1) A **Unit Overview** includes a sketch of the big ideas and overall learning goals.

Unit Overview for Content Area Plan	
Subject/Course:	Unit topic/theme, big idea, central question:
Student Learning Goals (Michigan Curriculum Framework or Content Expectations)	
Assessment(s)	
Resources	
Connections to other subjects	
Notes	

2) A **Weekly Overview** includes weekly learning objectives and the activities that will promote student learning.

**Learning Objectives:**

- focus on students (not the teacher)
- describe the learning outcome desired
- are clear and understandable
- are observable (through actions or written work)

<b>Weekly Overview</b>		
<b>Week #</b>	<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<b>Activities</b>