

**Subject Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Title:** Introduction to Ramkrishna Mission  
**Grade Level:** 9-12  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 10

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Date:** March 12, 2024  
**Teacher:** Ms. Johnson  
**Room:** 205

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- Understand the history and significance of Ramkrishna Mission
- Analyze the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda
- Evaluate the impact of Ramkrishna Mission on modern society

### Skills Standards:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Effective communication and collaboration
- Cultural awareness and appreciation

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- History
- Philosophy
- Cultural Studies

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What is the significance of Ramkrishna Mission in modern society?
- How did Swami Vivekananda's teachings impact the world?
- What can we learn from the life and legacy of Ramkrishna Paramahamsa?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Ramkrishna Mission is a spiritual organization that promotes selfless service, spiritual growth, and social reform
- Swami Vivekananda's teachings emphasize the importance of tolerance, compassion, and self-discipline
- The life and legacy of Ramkrishna Paramahamsa continue to inspire and guide people around the world

## Student Context Analysis

### Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3

### Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%

- Gifted: 2

## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a circle for discussion
- Prepare whiteboard and markers
- Set up audio-visual equipment

### Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access
- Projector and screen
- Audio-visual equipment

### Materials Preparation:

- Handouts with guided notes
- Whiteboard markers
- Printouts of Ramkrishna Mission's history and significance

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students are seated safely and comfortably
- Monitor student behavior and engagement
- Be prepared for any emergencies

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Pre-Class Setup (15 mins before)

- Set up room and technology
- Prepare materials and handouts
- Review lesson plan and objectives

### Bell Work / Entry Task (5-7 mins)

- Have students write down what they know about Ramkrishna Mission
- Ask students to share their thoughts and ideas
- Introduce the topic and objectives of the lesson

### Opening/Hook (10 mins)

- Show a video about Ramkrishna Mission's history and significance
- Ask students to take notes and ask questions
- Introduce the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda

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### Engagement Strategies:

- Think-pair-share
- Group discussion
- Hands-on activity

### Direct Instruction (20-25 mins)

- Lecture on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda

- Use visual aids and handouts to support instruction
- Ask students to take notes and ask questions

### **Checking for Understanding:**

- Formative assessment
- Exit tickets
- Class discussion

### **Guided Practice (25-30 mins)**

- Have students work in groups to analyze the impact of Ramkrishna Mission on modern society
- Provide guided notes and handouts to support group work
- Circulate around the room to assist and facilitate discussion

### **Scaffolding Strategies:**

- Graphic organizers
- Sentence stems
- Visual aids

### **Independent Practice (20-25 mins)**

- Have students write a reflective essay on what they learned about Ramkrishna Mission and its significance
- Provide prompts and guidelines to support writing
- Allow students to share their essays with the class

### **Closure (10 mins)**

- Review the objectives and key concepts of the lesson
- Ask students to reflect on what they learned
- Provide feedback and encouragement

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide extra support and scaffolding
- Offer one-on-one instruction and feedback
- Use visual aids and graphic organizers

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide challenging and complex tasks
- Encourage independent research and projects
- Offer opportunities for leadership and presentation

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers
- Use simple and clear language
- Offer one-on-one instruction and feedback

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage empathy and self-awareness
- Teach self-regulation and self-motivation
- Foster positive relationships and community

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Class discussions and participation
- Exit tickets and quizzes
- Group work and projects

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to explain the history and significance of Ramkrishna Mission
- Students will be able to analyze the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda
- Students will be able to evaluate the impact of Ramkrishna Mission on modern society

### Feedback Methods:

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- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback
- Peer feedback

## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Write a reflective essay on what you learned about Ramkrishna Mission and its significance.

### Extension Activities:

- Research and present on a specific aspect of Ramkrishna Mission
- Create a visual project (e.g. infographic, poster, video) about Ramkrishna Mission
- Write a creative piece (e.g. poem, short story) inspired by Ramkrishna Mission

**Parent/Guardian Connection:**

Ask parents/guardians to discuss with their child what they learned about Ramkrishna Mission and its significance.

## Teacher Reflection Space

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**Pre-Lesson Reflection:**

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

**Post-Lesson Reflection:**

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

## History and Significance of Ramkrishna Mission

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**History:**

Ramkrishna Mission was founded in 1897 by Swami Vivekananda, a disciple of Ramkrishna Paramahansa.

**Significance:**

Ramkrishna Mission is a spiritual organization that promotes selfless service, spiritual growth, and social reform.

## Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda

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**Life:**

Swami Vivekananda was born in 1863 in Calcutta, India.

**Teachings:**

Swami Vivekananda's teachings emphasize the importance of tolerance, compassion, and self-discipline.

## Impact of Ramkrishna Mission on Modern Society

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**Social Reform:**

Ramkrishna Mission has played a significant role in promoting social reform and addressing social issues such as poverty, education, and healthcare.

**Spiritual Growth:**

Ramkrishna Mission has helped millions of people around the world to achieve spiritual growth and self-realization.

## Lesson Objectives

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### Objectives:

- Students will be able to explain the history and significance of Ramkrishna Mission
- Students will be able to analyze the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda
- Students will be able to evaluate the impact of Ramkrishna Mission on modern society

## Assessment Plan

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### Formative Assessment:

- Class discussions and participation
- Exit tickets and quizzes
- Group work and projects

### Summative Assessment:

- Written test
- Oral presentation
- Reflective essay

## Feedback and Evaluation

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### Feedback:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback
- Peer feedback

### Evaluation:

- Student self-assessment
- Peer evaluation
- Teacher evaluation



### Conclusion

**Summary:**

In conclusion, Ramkrishna Mission is a spiritual organization that promotes selfless service, spiritual growth, and social reform.

**Reflection:**

Reflecting on the lesson, students should be able to explain the history and significance of Ramkrishna Mission, analyze the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda, and evaluate the impact of Ramkrishna Mission on modern society.

### Teacher Reflection

**What went well?**

- The lesson plan was well-structured and easy to follow
- Students were engaged and participated actively in class discussions
- The assessment plan was effective in evaluating student learning

**What would I change?**

- Provide more opportunities for student reflection and self-assessment
- Use more visual aids and multimedia resources to support instruction
- Encourage more critical thinking and problem-solving activities

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## Glossary of Terms

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**Terms:**

- Ramkrishna Mission: a spiritual organization that promotes selfless service, spiritual growth, and social reform
- Swami Vivekananda: a disciple of Ramkrishna Paramahansa and founder of Ramkrishna Mission
- Vedanta: a school of Hindu philosophy that emphasizes the ultimate reality of the universe

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