



Social Studies, Grade 7

Unit III: Lesson C2

Play: **Local Self-Government**

Research how England and Spain governed their respective colonies and note which nation allowed the most local self-government. To what extent could local matters be solved by locally elected officials, and what decisions needed to be referred to the European country?

Write a play in which you compare the differences in governing newly independent countries. The play may be in four scenes, the first two illustrating a typical Spanish and English colony, dealing with a similar local problem, and the last two illustrating these same colonies as they attempt to govern themselves after independence.

Present the play with the help of selected classmates.