



Constitution Compendium

Classroom Activities ~ Grade Level 3-5

Ben's Guide for the U.S. Government

https://bensguide.gpo.gov/learning-adventures-14more?id=36&age=ben4_8

Activities include:

- Readings on the three branches of government
- How laws are made
- Election process
- Historical documents
- Federal versus state government

Interactive games include:

- Quizzes, crosswords & word searches
- Branch – O- Mania

Glossary Included

Parts of the U.S. Constitution

<https://thecleverteacher.com/parts-of-the-us-constitution-lesson/>

Includes:

- Graphic organizer for lesson
- Link to PDF of Constitution
- Interactive online version
- Mr. Hill's video gives a great overview of the three main parts.

27 Classroom Ideas to Make Constitution Day Memorable

<https://www.weareteachers.com/constitution-day/>

Some of the activities include:

- Holding a mock election
- Video – Crash Course on the Constitution, School House Rock
- Links to games
- Role playing related to the Constitutional Convention

All CCS are listed with each activity.



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Lesson Plan: To Sign or Not to Sign

https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/To_Sign_or_Not_To_Sign.pdf

Complete lesson includes:

A read-aloud play

Opportunity for students to sign the Constitution if they choose

Working through the ratification process

CCS for this lesson are included within the body of the lesson.

Lesson Plan: Preamble Scramble

https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/Preamble_Puzzle.pdf

This puzzle familiarizes students with phrases of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

Unit: 4 Engaging Ways to Introduce your Constitution Unit

<https://thecleverteacher.com/4-engaging-ways-to-introduce-your-constitution-unit/>

Includes everything needed to introduce the Constitution to Grades 3-5. The unit centers around the book A More Perfect Union by Betsy Maestro. The unit includes the School House Rock video on the Preamble.

The New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education

<https://www.nhcivics.org/for-educators/grades-3-5-resources/>

This is a clearing house of activities related to Constitution Day and citizenship.

Lesson Plan: Rules, Rules, Rules

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/public_education/lesson_plans/middle_school/RulesRulesRules_Activity.pdf

The lesson teaches students why rules are needed through a game. Students play a game in which the rules are changed throughout the game. Students discuss what makes a rule easy to follow. Students create consistent rules for the game.



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Documenting Democracy: Lesson Plans on the United States Constitution

<https://images.history.com/images/media/pdf/Constitution-LessonPlans.pdf>

This group of five lessons helps students to gain a basic understanding of how the Constitution was created, how it is structured, and how it applies to students today. Activities include a vocabulary game, writing rules to be included in a school-wide Constitution, a “We the People” art project, and an oral history project.

CCS are included with this set of lesson plans.

3 Powerful Constitution Day Activities for Elementary Students

<http://www.thinkgrowgiggle.com/2020/08/3-powerful-constitution-day-activities.html>

Activities include reading We the Kids by David Carow, creating vocabulary lists, constructing and comparing a class constitution to the U.S. Constitution. Students also create and illustrate their own book to better understand the Preamble to the Constitution.



Offered by the Washington Crossing Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the Friends of Washington Crossing Park to celebrate Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

