1st & 2nd Grades Lesson Plan Constitution Day-September 17





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OBJECTIVES: US Departmen	nt of Education: Each	STRATEGIES:
educational institution that rec	eives Federal funds for	□ Drawing/Coloring
a fiscal year is required to hold	d an educational	□ Writing
program about the U.S. Const		☐ Think/Pair/Share
on September 17 (if it falls on		□ Collaboration
be held in the previous or next	•	
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		□ Large Group
MATERIALS:	of Breaking Down the I copies of the My Prear Vocabulary Matching V Sheet; copies of the Di Constitution's Birthday	
Engage: Hook the students	Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner, and share their answer. Write the word Constitution on the board. Ask the students, Does anyone know what that big word is?" Pronounce the word. Tell the students to pronounce the word with you. Explain that the US Constitution is our country's rules and laws, and September 17 is the birthday of the Constitution. Explain that the constitution also gives us many of the rights and freedoms we have in this country, for example, freedom of speech and freedom of religion. However, with those freedoms and rights, we have the responsibility to be a good citizen, a citizen is a person who legally belongs to a country. T/P/S Question: Why does a country need laws?	
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Hand out copies of Breaking Down the Big Words of the Preamble to the US Constitution. Tell students they will use this to read along when the video gets to page 3 of the book. Tell students to circle the BIG words when they understand the meaning. Play the YouTube Read Aloud Video, We the Kids-Author David Catrow https://youtu.be/m0ZV8ME6z S Hand out copies of the My Preamble for Classroom Rules. Allow students time to complete their rules. Hand out copies of the Preamble Vocabulary Matching Worksheet. Play the YouTube Schoolhouse Rock Video, The Preamble. https://youtu.be/8_NzZvdsbW/ as students work on the worksheet allow students to sing with the video to help them complete the worksheet. Hand out either the coloring sheet or the drawing sheet.	
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and	Vocabulary is on the V	Ve the Kids Breaking Down the Big Words of the constitution Vocabulary Sheet.
language to students.		•
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	and responsibilities of and activities in this les	
Evaluate: assessment.	informal assessment.	nine the activities that will be utilized for formal and
Enrichment/Service- Learning Project	Let students select a p what it means to be a	roject they can do at school or at home, that defines good citizen.

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We the Kids Author David Catrow

Breaking Down the Big Words of the Preamble to the US Constitution **Preamble**-the first part of something, an introduction

We the People of the United States-all of the people in our country, including the kids.

In Order To Form A More Perfect Union-to come together and makes things better for everyone who lives in our country.

Establish Justice-to make things fair and honest for everyone.

Insure Domestic Tranquility-to make sure we can all have a nice life and get along with one another.

Provide For The Common Defense-to protect us from other people or other countries who might try to harm us, as in a war, and to help us if we have been harmed.

Promote The General Welfare-To help make life good for everybody. Having enough to eat, a place to live, being safe and having friends and fun times are some of the things that make our lives good.

And Secure The Blessings Of Liberty-To protect our rights and freedoms and not let anyone take them away. Being able to choose our religion, to say what we think, and to get together with friends, family and other people are some of the freedoms we have.

To Ourselves And Our Posterity-For kids, parents, and other grown-ups and all the people born in our country after we are.

Do Ordain And Establish This Constitution-To write down, and then to live by, a list of rules and promises for our government to keep and our people to obey.

For The United States Of America-Our country, where we live.

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NAME_____ Preamble Vocabulary Matching

the first part of something, an introduction	A. Establish Justice
all of the people in our country, including the kids.	B. Promote the General Welfare
to come together and makes things better for everyone who lives in our country.	C. Provide For The Common
to make things fair and honest for everyone.	Defense
to make sure we can all have a nice life and get along with one another.	D. To Ourselves And Our Posterity
to protect us from other people or other countries who might try to harm us, as in a war, and to help us if we have	E. Do Ordain And Establish This Constitution
been harmed.	F. We the People of the United States
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For kids, parents, and other grown-ups and all the people born in our country after we are.	J. In Order To Form A More Perfect Union
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Our country, where we live.

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Preamble Vocabulary Matching

ANSWER KEY

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- all of the people in our country, including the kids.
- ____to come together and makes things better for everyone who lives in our country.
- ____A___to make things fair and honest for everyone.
- **G** to make sure we can all have a nice life and get along with one another.
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- **B** To help make life good for everybody. Having enough to eat, a place to live, being safe and having friends and fun times are some of the things that make our lives good.
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Draw & Decorate a Birthday Cake in Honor of the US Constitution's Birthday!!

