

Kindergarten Lesson Plan Constitution Day



Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: Kindergarten	Lesson: Constitution Day

<p>OBJECTIVES: US Department of Education: Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year is required to hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students on September 17 (if it falls on a weekend; it should be held in the previous or next week).</p>	<p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share/Brainstorm <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group 						
<p>MATERIALS:</p>	<p>Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the Constitution Day Writing Practice Worksheet; copies of the Constitution Day Coloring Sheet</p>						
<p>Engage: Hook the students</p>	<p>Think/Pair/Share/Brainstorm- Assign 3-5 students in one of the following groups: Group 1-School, Group 2-Home, Group 3-Community, Group 4-Country. Explain the directions. The students will talk about their answers in groups and one member will share their groups answers during the brainstorming activity. Write their answers, by group on the smart board, and discuss. You may want to leave the answers up for the writing practice activity that follows.</p> <p>Explain: Good Citizenship means being a member of and supporting one's community and country. In the United States we have freedoms and rights that are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Because we have these rights, we also have responsibilities to obey the laws, to vote when you are old enough, to conserve our natural resources, and to take care of yourself and others.</p> <p>T/P/S Questions:</p> <p>Group 1-What are 3-5 ways you can be a good citizen at school? Group 2- What are 3-5 ways you can be a good citizen at home? Group 3-What are 3-5 ways you can be a good citizen in your community? Group 4-What are 3-5 ways you can be a good citizen in your country?</p>						
<p>Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.</p>	<p>Explain to students that the US Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. We celebrate the Constitution on September 17.</p> <p>Hand out copies of the Constitution Day Writing Practice Worksheet. Read through the worksheet for the students. Allow students time to complete the writing practice worksheet, and to answer the questions on the last page.</p> <p>Hand out the Constitution Day Coloring Sheet. Allow students time to complete the activity.</p>						
<p>Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Constitution</td> <td style="width: 50%;">rights</td> </tr> <tr> <td>supreme law of the land</td> <td>responsibilities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>citizen</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Constitution	rights	supreme law of the land	responsibilities	citizen	
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<p>Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.</p>	<p>Students learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizens in the United States and the importance of being a good citizen by completing the materials and activities in this lesson plan.</p>						
<p>Evaluate: assessment.</p>	<p>The teacher will determine the activities that will be utilized for formal and informal assessment.</p>						
<p>Enrichment/Service-Learning Project</p>	<p>Let students brainstorm a project they can do at school, that defines what it means to be a good citizen. For examples of projects, go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/teach</p>						

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Happy Birthday



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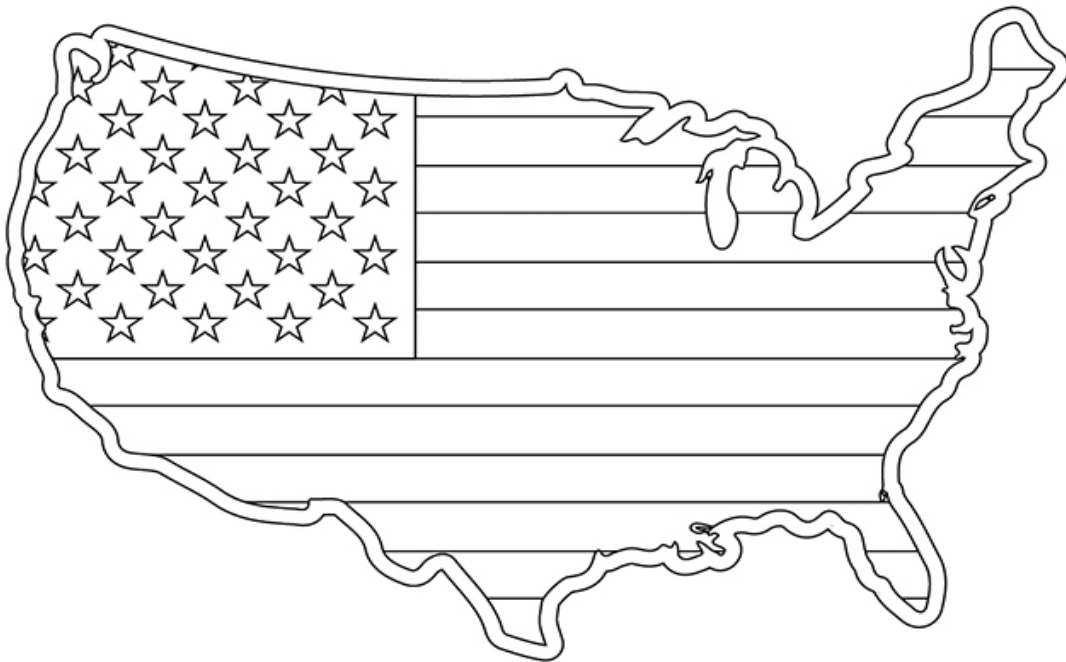
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The Constitution is

the "supreme law

of the land."

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The Constitution

gives us rights, but

we must be

responsible too.



What makes you a

good citizen?

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Make a list of

four things you

can do to be a

good citizen:

1.

2.

3.

4.

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