



A Guide for Learning and Teaching

The Declaration of Independence

and

The U.S. Constitution

Learning From the Original Texts Using
Classical Learning Methods of the Founders

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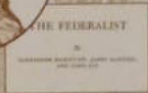


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LEARNING AND TEACHING THE DECLARATION AND CONSTITUTION

In preparation to teach the course you may want to procure the following materials in advance:

- Obtain the video "A More Perfect Union" to be shown in session 36.¹⁶
- Each student should have access to a guide, *The Federalist Papers*, and *Common Sense*.¹⁷
- Session 41 calls for access to C-SPAN in the classroom.

For public school teachers who are interested in satisfying the minimum California State requirements (see California Education Code Section 51230 in the appendix) for High School Graduation, the following sessions can be used:

- Declaration of Independence, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and the Emancipation Proclamation (Sessions 15-24)
- Constitution and Federalist Papers (Sessions 35-59)
- Bill of Rights (Sessions 60-67)
- George Washington's Farewell Address (Sessions 11-12)

SUGGESTED LESSON PLAN

Session	Topic	Page	Class Activity	Class Assignment Given	Technique
1.	Learning Techniques of the Founders and Introduction to Course	7-20	Have the class rewrite the first two paragraphs of <i>Common Sense</i> and share them aloud.	Read Guide pp 7-20 Do RC-1 Begin a personal journal	All Record
2.	<i>Common Sense</i> and American Character Introduction	29	Discuss <i>Common Sense</i> Study Guide Questions Invite students to share experiences about keeping a journal	Read and summarize Patrick Henry's Speech (Appendix) Read Lesson 1 Start them thinking about a project. Submit project proposal in two weeks from now.	Record Research
3.	Lesson 1: The Purpose of Adversity	34	Discuss lesson 1 Discuss Henry's life and speech.	Read Lesson 2 RC-2 on the signers in Lesson 2	Research
4.	Lesson 2: Duty	38	Discuss lesson 2 Submit project proposal Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 3 RC-2 on the signers in Lesson 2	Research
5.	Lesson 3: In God We Trust	45	Discuss lesson 3 Project proposal acceptance Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 4 RC-2 on the Signers in Lesson 4 Rough Draft of Project Due in 3 weeks	Research Project

resource and others are available through National Center for Constitutional Studies (NCCS) at 1-800-388-4512. The two books are sold along with this Guide through The Center for Teaching the Constitution.

SAMPLE LESSON PLAN

Session	Topic	Page	Class Activity	Class Assignment Given	Technique
6.	Lesson 4: America is Blessed	50	Discuss lesson 4 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 5 RC-2 on the signers In lesson 6	Research
7.	Lesson 5: Independence	54	Discuss lesson 5 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 6 RC-2 on the Signers in lesson 6	Research
8.	Lesson 6: Endowed by their Creator : Gifts	57	Discuss lesson 6 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 7 RC-2 on the signers lesson 7 Activity on p. 57	Research Relate
9.	Lesson 7: Law	64	Discuss lesson 7 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 8 RC-2 on the signers lesson 8	Research
10.	Lesson 8: Sacrifice	68	Discuss lesson 8 Turn in Project Rough Drafts Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 9 RC-2 on the signers lesson 9 Projects Due in	Research Project
11.	Lesson 9: Liberty	72	Discuss lesson 9 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 10 RC-3 on Washington's Farewell Address In lesson 10	Record
12.	Lesson 10: Unity	77	Discuss lesson 10 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 11 RC-2 on signers lesson 11	Research
13.	Lesson 11: Accountability	81	Discuss lesson 11 Present reports (RC-2)	Read lesson 12 RC-2 on the signers in lesson 12	Research
14.	Lesson 12: Service	84	Discuss lesson 12 Present reports (RC-2)	Read Declaration Introduction and first note (pp 89-96) Memorize Preamble D-1	Memorize Reflect
15.	Introduction to Declaration: Our National Birth Certificate	89-96	Discuss Declaration Introduction and first note Recite preamble and read re-writes aloud	Read pp. 96-100 D-2	Relate
16.	Preamble: Laws of Nature and Laws of Nature's God	96-100	Discuss Note 2 and D-2	Read pp. 100-102 D-3 & D-4	Reason Relate
17.	Preamble: Endowed by Their Creator	100-102	Discuss notes 3-5 and D-3 & D-4	Read pp. 103-108	

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18.	Preamble: Governments are Instituted Among Men	103-108	Discuss Notes 6-7 and complete D-4	Read pp. 109-111 (Introduction and first 10 abuses) D-7	Relate
19.	List of Abuses	109-111	Discuss List of Abuses introduction and first 10 Reports on D-7	Read pp. 112-114 (Abuses 11-27) D-7	Relate
20.	List of Abuses	112-114	Discuss abuses 11-27 Reports on D-7	Read pp. 115-116 and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address Memorize Gettysburg Address D-6	Memorize Reflect Relate
21.	Declaration Fulfilled: Abraham Lincoln	115-116	Discuss note 1 and D-6 Recite Gettysburg Address	Read pp. 117-118 (Petitions) D-7.5 Write a letter to an elected official	Relate
22.	Declaration: Petitions	117-118	Discuss petitions Share letters to officials.	Read pp. 119-122 (Declaration) D-8	Record
23.	Declaration	119-122	Discuss Declaration and D-8	Read pp. 123-130 Do PS-1	Record All
24.	Project Presentations		Present Projects		
25.	Purpose of Government	123-130	Discuss Poli Sci thru liberty Share aloud PS-1	Read pp. 130-138 Select Project Topic in 3 weeks Do PS1.5 and PS2	All Relate
26.	Types of Governments	130-138	Discuss Types of Governments and PS1.5 and PS2	Read pp. 138-139 Do PS3 and PS4 PS5 is optional	Reflect
27.	Dynamics of Governments	138-139	Discuss dynamics Submit project proposal Discuss PS3 and PS4	Read pp. 140-143 Do PS8 PS7, PS9 is optional	Reflect
28.	Distribution of Powers	140-143	Discuss distribution to 3 Dimensional and PS8, PS7 and PS9	Read pp. 143-147 Do PS10 and PS11	Relate

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Session	Topic	Page	Class Activity	Class Assignment Given	Technique
29.	Theory of Factions and Electoral College System	143-147	Discuss Factions, Electoral College and PS10, PS11 Project Acceptance Do PS12	Read pp. 148-154 Project Rough Draft Due in 3 weeks	All
30.	Free Market Principles	148-154	Discuss Free Market Do Activity PS13	Read pp. 154-166	
31.	Role of Govt and Free Mkt	154-166	Discuss role of govt in free mkt Do Activity PS13	Start analysis of America by Tocqueville (Note: the next section contains several themes that should be planned by the teacher)	Reflect
32.	Analysis by Alexis de Tocqueville	167	TBD by teacher	TBD by teacher	
33.	Tocqueville		TBD by teacher	TBD by teacher	
34.	Tocqueville		TBD by teacher Project Rough Draft Due	Read pp. 183-187 Memorize Preamble C1-1	Memorize
35.	Overview of Constitution: Our Owner's Manual	183-187	Overview of Constitution Recite preamble Discuss C1-1	Read pp. 188-190 C1-2, C1-4.5 C1-4 optional	Reflect Relate
36.	Preamble to Constitution	188-190	Preamble Discuss C1-2, C1-4.5, C1-4 Demonstrate the outline technique	Read pp. 191-192 C1-5 C1-6, 6.5 optional	Record Relate
37.	More Perfect Union re-enactment of the Constitutional Convention		Show movie "More Perfect Union"	Memorize Subjects Article 1	Memorize
38.	Legislative Power	191-192	Discuss Art 1:1 and C1-5 Constitution Chase	Read pp. 193-198 C1-5 C1-8, C1-9, C1-9.5	Record Reflect
39.	The House of Representatives	193-198	Discuss Art 1:2 outline (C1-5) and other assignments	Read pp. 199-201 C1-5 C1-10, C1-11	Record Reflect
40.	The Senate	199-201	Discuss Art 1:3 outline and other assignments	Read p. 202 C1-5 C1-12,	Record
41.	Times and Places of Congress	202	Discuss Art 1:4 outline and other assignments	Read pp. 203-205 C1-5	Record

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42.	Organization of Congress Compensation and Privileges	203- 205	Discuss Art I:5-6 outline Constitution Chase Watch Congress proceeding on C-SPAN	Read pp. 206-208 C1-5 C1-12.5 and C1-13	Reflect
43.	Legislative Process	206- 208	Discuss Art I:7 outline and assignments Activity in legislation (C1-12.25)	Read pp. 209-212 C1-8 C1-14, C1-15.5 C1-8.5 optional	Relate Relate Reflect
44.	Enumerated Powers	209- 212	Discuss Art I:8 outline and assignments	Read pp. 213-217 C1-5 C1-15, C1-16 C1-15.6 optional	Record Relate Relate
45.	Enumerated Powers: Taxation	213- 217	Discuss Art I:8 on taxation and assignments	Read pp. 218-219 C1-5 C1-16.5, C1-16.6	Record Relate
46.	Restrictions on Congress	218- 219	Discuss Art I:9 outline and assignments	Read pp. 220-221 C1-5	Record
47.	Restrictions on States	220- 221	Discuss Art I:10 outline and assignments Constitution Chase	Read pp. 223-225 C2-1, C2-2	Record Relate
48.	Executive Branch and Power	223- 225	Discuss Introduction to Art II and assignments	Read pp. 226-231 C2-1 Memorize subjects of Art II sections	Memorize
49.	Executive Branch	226- 231	Discuss Art I:1 (Electoral college was covered in Poli Sci section) Constitution Chase	Read pp. 232-236 C2-1, C2-1.5	Record Relate
50.	Executive Power	232- 236	Discuss Art II:2 outline and assignments	Read pp. 237-239 C2-1	Record
51.	Executive Powers and Impeachment	237- 239	Discuss Art II:3-4	Read pp. 240-243 C3-1	Record
52.	Judicial Branch	240- 243	Discuss Art III introduction and outline Memorize subjects of Art III	Read pp. 244-250 C3-1, C3-2	Record Relate Memorize

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53.	Judicial Jurisdictions	244-250	Discuss Art III:2 Outline and assignments Constitution Chase	Read pp. 250-253 C3-1 and C3-3	Record Relate
54.	Judicial Jurisdictions and Treason	250-253	Discuss Art III:3 outline and assignments	Read pp. 255-259 C4-1	
55.	State Relationships	255-259	Discuss introduction and Art IV:1-2	Read pp. 260-262 C4-1	Record
56.	State Admission and State Guarantee	260-262	Discuss Art IV:3-4 outline Constitution Chase	Memorize remaining sections Read pp. 263-265 C5-1, C5-2	Memorize Record Research
57.	Amendment Process	263-265	Discuss Art V and assignments	Read pp. 266-268 C6-1	Record
58.	Supremacy Clause	266-268	Discuss Art VI outline	Read pp. 269-272 C7-1	Record
59.	Ratification	269-272	Discuss Art VII Constitution Chase	Read pp. 273-281 Start CA-1	Relate
60.	Introduction and Purpose of a Bill of Rights	273-281	Discuss introduction to amendments and Bill of Rights Demonstrate CA-1 in class	Read pp. 281-282 CA1.7, and CA1.8 Memorize topics of all the amendments	Reason Reflect Memorize
61.	Bill of Responsibilities	281-282	Discuss assignments	Read Amendment I (pp.283-289) CA-1, C-A1.5	Relate Research
62.	Amendment I: PRASP	283-289	Discuss Amendment 1 and CA-1.5 Constitution Chase	Amendment II (pp.290-292) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
63.	Amendment II: Bear Arms	290-292	Discuss Amendment II and assignments	Amendments III and IV (pp. 293-295) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
64.	Amendment III and IV Quarters and Search & Seizures	293-295	Discuss Amendment III and IV	Amendments V and VI (pp. 296-298) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
65.	Amendments V and VI Judicial Rights	296-298	Discuss Amendment V & VI	Amendments VII and VIII (pp. 299-301) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
66.	Amendments VII and VIII Civil Juries and Cruel Punishments	299-301	Discuss Amendments VII and VIII	Amendments IX and X (pp. 302-306) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
67.	All other Powers and Rights	302-306	Discuss Amendments IX and X	Amendments XI and XII (pp.307-308) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research

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68.	Amendments XI and XII: Judicial Jurisdiction Omitted President & VP Have Separate Ballots	307-308	Discuss Amendments XI and XII	Amendment XIII, XIV, XV (pp. 309-313) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
69.	Civil War Amendments	309-313	Discuss Amendments XIII, XIV and XV	Amendment XVI, XVII, XVIII and XXI (pp. 315-317,321) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
70.	Income Tax, Senate Election, Prohibitions and Repeal of Prohibition	315-317, 321	Discuss Amendment XVI, XVII, XVIII, and XXI	Amendment XV, XIX, and XXVI (pp. 314,318,327) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
71.	Voting Extended	314, 318, 327	Discuss Amendment XV, XIX, and XXVI	Amendment XX, XXII, XXV (pp. 319,322,325) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
72.	Synchronization of President and Congress Presidential Term Limit Presidential Disability	319, 322, 325	Discuss Amendment XX, XXII and XXV	Amendment XXIII, XXIV, XXVII (pp. 323,324,328) CA-1, CA-1.5	Relate Research
73.	Washington DC Electors Poll Tax Prohibited Congress Salary Constraint	323, 324, 328	Discuss Amendment XXIII, XXIV, and XXVII Constitution Chase		All
74.	Course Wrap-Up and Test Preparation		Conclusion and Course Summary	Prepare for test Complete project	
75.	Test	347	Test (pp. 347)	Complete Project	All
76.	Project Presentations		Project Presentations		