

FOCUS LESSON TEMPLATE

SUBJECT AREA: HISTORY

GRADE LEVEL: 8TH

STRAND: C

BENCHMARK: SS.C.1.3.1, 132, 234

BENCHMARK CLARIFICATION STATEMENT: STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANT PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND VISUALIZE HOW THOSE PRINCIPLES ARE REFLECTED IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. STUDENTS WILL INTRODUCED TO THE STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS, AND PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT AND HOW THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE IDEAS ARE EXPRESSED IN HISTORICAL AMERICAN DOCUMENTS.

INSTRUCTION DATE: 9/29-10/3

ASSESSMENT DATE: 10/3

TIME FRAME: x (10 – 15 MIN. Mini Lesson)

x (50 – 90 MIN. Focus Lesson)

ITEM TYPE: MC (multiple-choice) x SR (short response) x ER (extended response)

GR (gridded response)

EXPLICIT DIRECT INSTRUCTION: (TEACHER SAYS): MON-FRI: STUDENTS COPY CURRENT EVENT—TO BE TURNED IN FRI. MON-THURS: STUDENTS TAKE NOTES AS POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS ARE SHOWN EACH DAY FOR APPROX 35 MINS. PRESENTATIONS WILL INTRODUCE THE CONCEPT OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND HOW THIS CONCEPT IS EXPRESSED IN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE CONSTITUTION, THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THIRTEEN COLONIES. THURS: RACE TO REVIEW AFTER LECTURE FRI: ASSESSMENT AND ESSAY.

ATTACHED GRAPHICS (What type of graphics is appropriate if applicable: tables, graphs, etc.)

Power point presentations are available.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY / PRACTICE: Recommended: real life application based practice

MON: STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO WRITE A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THEIR CLASSROOM TO EFFECTIVELY ILLUSTRATE THE FUNCTIONS OF LAWS AND GOVERNMENT.

RACE TO REVIEW: STUDENTS COMPETE TO DEFINE TERMS. AT THE BOARD, STUDENTS RANDOMLY SELECT AN ENVELOPE WITH AN INDEX CARD INSIDE. THEY RACE TO WRITE OR DEPICT THEIR VOCABULARY WORD. THE FIRST TO RING THE BELL WITH A CORRECT RESPONSE GETS A POINT FOR THEIR TEAM.

- **ALIGNED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS & RESOURCES NEEDED: PC/LCD, writing materials, envelopes, index cards, bells, DVD**

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN DELIVERING THE LESSON:

Focus on developing an understanding of democracy and why government is essential to maintain order and promote peace and prosperity.