FY2011 EL Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name

Canton City Schools ABLE

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Date(s) Used	5/11/11
Civics Category	
• •	Rights and Responsibilities
Civics Objective	III.6. Community Resources-Citizenship
	Preparation Locate practice materials for
	naturalization testing
Time Frame to Complete	45-60 minutes
Lesson	
EFL(s)	NRS level 3 and 4
Standard(s)	Reading: Monitor comprehension and adjust
	reading strategies; Analyze the information and
	reflect on its underlying meaning; Integrate it (i.e.,
	new information) with prior knowledge to address
	the reading purpose.
	Speaking: Determine the purpose for
	communicating; Pay attention to conventions of oral
	English communication; Use multiple strategies to
	monitor the effectiveness of the communication.
Benchmark(s)	R3.4 Seek clarification by looking back to text or
	reading on; R3.6 Complete a task; R4.4 Seek
	clarification by asking and answering questions;
	R4.5 Draw conclusions (from sentences using
	sequence of events or description).
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	53.4 Use an increasing vocabulary for everyday
	situations; S3.5 Use rephrasing to enhance
	communication; S4.1 Participate in conversations on
	familiar topics; S4.5 Repeat, rephrase, or use
Matariala	circumlocution to ensure listeners understand.
Materials	Handouts: 27a/27b (p.82-83) from "The Uncle Sam
	Activity Book: Language Development Handouts to
	Teach U.S. History and Government " by Carolyn
	Bohlman and Catherine Porter, notebooks

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Activities	1. Review The Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10)
	from previous class and elicit some examples
	of basic rights guaranteed by the
	Constitution from the students (e.g. freedom
	of speech, freedom of religion, etc.)
	Pass out the Handouts 27a (Bill of Rights)
	and 27b (the situational examples).
	3. Explain that Ss will read each of the eight
	examples in 27b and decide which of the Ten
	Amendments in 27a applies to the situation
	described in each example.
	4. Model the first example in 27b by having a
	Ss read it aloud and ask the group to look at
	27a to find which amendment would apply to
	the situation and give a reason why it would.
	5. Have Ss work together in pairs or small
	groups to discuss the rest of the examples
	and decide which amendment applies to each
	situation, advising that some amendments
	may be used more than once.
	6. After the activity, follow up with a
	discussion about which of the situations
	should not have happened because of rights
	protected by the Bill of Rights (e.g., police
	searching an apartment without permission)
	7. For further discussion, ask Ss to discuss and
	compare any similarities/differences they
	see between basic rights or violations of
	those rights in their native countries and the Bill of Dichts in the U.S. using the examples
	Bill of Rights in the U.S., using the examples in the activity to help identify the rights
Assessment/	in the activity to help identify the rights. Ss will be able to identify and discuss the basic
Evidence	rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights using
	practical situations and correct applications of the
	Bill of Rights to those situations.
Reflection	Students readily participated in this activity. They
	were able to give examples of basic rights from the
	Bill of Rights (freedom of speech, religion, etc.)
	from previous classroom work. They were also able

to work in pairs/small group to decide which of the rights applied to the situations described in the activity. The follow up discussion was interesting as the students discussed their experiences with basic rights in the U.S. and their native countries.



Application Activity: The Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10)

- Amendment 1. People have religious freedom; there is no government religion. People can say or print whatever they want. Groups of people can meet peacefully. People can request a change in government.
- Amendment 2. People can have weapons or own a gun (with restrictions).
- Amendment 3. The government cannot make people keep soldiers in their homes in peacetime.
- Amendment 4. The government may not search or take a person's property without a warrant (court order).
- Amendment 5. A person may not be tried twice for the same crime and does not have to testify against himself or herself.
- Amendment 6. A person charged with a crime has the right to a trial and a lawyer.
- Amendment 7. A person charged with a crime usually has the right to a trial by Jury.
- Amendment 8. The government cannot charge fines that are excessive (too high). The government cannot punish people in a cruel or unusual way.
- Amendment 9. People have rights in addition to those listed in the Constitution.
- Amendment 10. If the Constitution does not give a power to the federal government, that power belongs to the state or to the people.

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Application Activity: The Bill of Rights (continued)



Directions: Which amendment applies to each of these situations?

Write the number of the amendment on the line.

- _____ 1. The Baker family goes to the United Church of God every Sunday.
- _____ 2. José Lopez was fined \$300 for an illegal left turn.
- _____ 3. Maria Hernandez keeps a gun under her bed for protection against thieves.
- 4. The neighbors on Eastwood Street are meeting tonight to discuss crime in their community.
- _____ 5. The city newspaper published a letter written by Eva Dworski disagreeing with the mayor's ideas about public schools.
- 6. The police think Tony Martin is selling drugs. While he is at work, they search his apartment without permission.
- 7. Joseph Lee was charged with stealing a car. Because he had no money, the court appointed a lawyer for him.
- 8. At the university tonight, Angela Wolf is giving a speech called "Is Communism the Answer?"