

EL/Civics Lesson Plan

Program Name: Owens ABLE/ESOL Program at Washington Local
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Date(s) Used	January, 2012
Civics Category	III. US History and Gov't Preparation
Civics Objective	2. Gov't and Law: Identify people and events in local, state and federal history
Time Frame to Complete	45 minutes
EFL(s)	Level, 1,2,3
Standard(s)	Read With Understanding; Listen Actively
Benchmark(s)	R.1-R.5 ; L.1-L.5 for the 2 levels
Materials	Attached paper/State of the Union; Video www.whitehouse.gov/state-of-the-union-2011 ; Copy of US constitution - in the USCIS Citizenship Toolkit www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov or at http://kids.britannica.com/elementary/art-82332/The-original-copy-of-the-US-Constitution-is-one-of .
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Show picture of president giving SUA last year and ask students to tell you who they see and what's going on. 2. Show a copy of US constitution. Show students the specific article/section about SUA. 3. Hand out paper. 4. Read and have students repeat after you. Explain. 5. Do exercise with them. 6. Show the video of the 2011 SUA. 7. Ask them to watch so they can discuss it the next day.
Assessment/Evidence	They answered the questions and reported for further discussion the next day.
Reflection	They loved the background info on SUA. This took away fear of watching pres. give speech. In many countries, this only happens when there is bad news. They watched and found it interesting. Most reported that after the first 10 min, it was difficult to understand the content of the speech, but most still watched it with knowledge that this happens each year.

The State of the Union Address 2012

By Najwa Badawi

On Tuesday, January 24th 2012, at 9:00 O'clock at night, President Barack Obama will give a speech in front of many men and women who work in Washington DC, our nation's capital. This place is called Congress.

This speech will tell the American people about how our country is doing and what the president plans to do to make life better for all Americans.

Our Constitution, or our country's highest law, says that the president must give this speech each year.

Many millions of people will be watching President Obama on television.

He has practiced this speech many times because he wants to do a great job when he gives it on Tuesday.

Some of the subjects he will talk about are: jobs, relations with other countries, tourism, healthcare and education.

Circle the correct answer:

1. President Obama will:

- a. give a speech b. eat ice cream c. go on vacation

2. What is a "Speech"?

- a. a dish b. a car c. a talk

3. What is a "Constitution"?

- a. TV show c. Law c. a drink