



# WE THE FUTURE CONTEST

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## Teachers, K12 Teaching the U.S. Constitution Lesson Plan Contest Rules Summary---2017

- ◇ Teachers, kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, are eligible to sign up for this category.
- ◇ Sign up for the contest online.
- ◇ **K12 Teachers are invited to enter U.S. Constitution lesson plan in the We The Future Contest.**
- ◇ One entry per person. **All entries that utilize copyrighted music, film clips or photos MUST obtain the proper licensing permissions IN ADVANCE of submitting the entry, in order to be considered.**
  - **Lesson Plan:** Design a lesson plan to teach the United States Constitution. Focus on one specific age group: Elementary School, Middle School, or High School. Teachers who instruct on various K12 subjects are encouraged to enter: Examples: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), History, English, Art, Music, Drama. Any teacher is welcome to submit an entry. Examples: public schools, including charter schools; private schools, home educators. Please email entry to: [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com). See Official Rules Section III for instructions and guidelines.
- ◇ **Electronic Submissions due by 11:59 p.m. September 17, 2017 to [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com) with subject line “TEACHER ENTRY”**
- ◇ The winner gives Constituting America the rights to reprint and redistribute entries.

**The above rules are a summary only.  
Please consult “Official Rules and Regulations,” for complete instructions and guidelines.**



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## We The Future Contest Sign-Up Form Lesson Plan Contest, Teachers K-12

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Male / Female \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
6. E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_
7. School Name \_\_\_\_\_ School City \_\_\_\_\_
8. Grade Level of Lesson Plan \_\_\_\_\_
9. Agree to rules (signature required) \_\_\_\_\_

The lesson plan MAY be emailed to [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com)

**THIS entry form signed by entrant, must accompany all entries, whether mailed or emailed.**

**For email submissions, please scan in a copy of this signed form.**

**Please see Contest Rules for more details.**

**Signing up online does not replace the requirement to submit this form with your entry.**

### **CONSTITUTING AMERICA LESSON PLAN ENTRY MAILING ADDRESS**

Constituting America  
ATTN: We The Future  
Contest PO Box 1988  
Colleyville, TX 76034

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## We the Future Contest Official Rules and Regulations Effective September 17, 2016 – September 17, 2017 For Teachers, K-12

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### **Section I – General Rules for Teachers, K-12**

From September 17, 2016 to September 17, 2017 (the "Contest Period") Constituting America will conduct the "We the Future" lesson plan contest (the "Contest") in the 50 States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories and the American Armed Forces Schools Abroad.

**The lesson plan subject is:** Design a lesson plan to each the United States Constitution.

Guidelines for the lesson plan are outlined in [Section III](#).

To enter, teacher entrants are encouraged to fill out the online Contest Sign-up form, indicating their intent to enter the contest. Contest updates and deadline reminders will be sent to all signing up for the contest in advance.

**All entries that utilize copyrighted music, film clips or photos MUST obtain the proper licensing permissions IN ADVANCE of submitting the entry, in order to be considered.**

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Entries must be received by email by 11:59p.m., September 17, 2017. As further detailed in [Section VII](#) entrants agree to accept and be bound by all terms of these Official Rules and Regulations and the decisions of Constituting America, whose decisions are final with respect to all matters of the Contest.

Only one entry per entrant is permitted. Incomplete, late or entries which contain unrequested information, or otherwise fail to comply with these Official Rules and Regulations will not qualify for consideration for the Contest. By entering the Contest, entrants acknowledge and agree that the entry along with any and all documentation submitted therewith will become the sole property of Constituting America and will not be acknowledged or returned. Entrants represent and warrant that the entry is an original work and does not infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party, is unpublished (in any form or medium) and has not won an award. Constituting America may edit any entries for grammar, modify for style only, and entrant hereby grants Constituting America a license to record the song, distribute submitted material to third parties for purposes of publication or production, to publicize the contest, with no additional notification or permission of the entrant. Submitted material will only be used to further the educational mission and goals of Constituting America (please see [Section VI](#) for a Privacy Policy), including, but not limited to, featuring the lesson plan on the Constituting America website, and putting it on a DVD for promotional distribution for the contest.

## **Section II – Qualifications**

The Lesson Plan Contest is open to all United States citizens or legal residents who are kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Any teacher is welcome to submit an entry. Examples: public schools, including charter schools; private schools, home educators.

## **Section III – Short Film Instructions**

**The Lesson Plan:** Should be original, written by the entrant. Length is flexible. The subject of the lesson plan is a lesson that teaches the United States Constitution to students. Focus on one specific age group: Elementary School, Middle School, or High School. Teachers who instruct on various K12 subjects are encouraged to enter. Examples: Teachers of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), History, English, Art, Music, Drama. The completed **Entry/Permission form must be emailed to [WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com](mailto:WeTheFuture2017@yahoo.com)** with subject line: TEACHER ENTRY. The entrant's name must be on each page of the lesson plan.

## **Section IV-Judging Process**

After the expiration of the Contest Period, the judges selected by Constituting America will review all entries and submissions that comply with these Official Rules and Regulations and select one winning lesson plan. Judges reserve the right to not make an award in any category. Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Adherence to instructions stated in [Section III](#)
2. Lesson plan: originality, appeal to students, educational value

The odds of winning are proportional to the amount of entries received. Winners will be notified sometime after September 17, 2017.

## **Section V – Awards and Prizes**

The winners will be contacted directly through contact information provided on the Contest Signup Form. Winners will also be announced on [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org). As a condition to receiving any awards, the winner must provide publicity photos and may be required to return a liability release and publicity release within 10 days following the date of notification. Winner will receive:

### **BEST LESSON PLAN – 1 Entry Chosen**

1. Worldwide exposure on the Constituting America website

2. Public Appearances (to be determined)
3. Certificate for winning Best Lesson Plan, Teacher Category, 2017-2018
4. \$2000 Cash Prize

All entrants are solely responsible for understanding and complying with any and all federal, state, and local laws, codes, regulations, and ordinances that may apply to the entrants and the activities or business in which such entrants may engage. Tax consequences may be associated with the prizes received by a Contest winner, which may include, without limitation, an obligation to report as income and to pay taxes on such income to federal, state, or local authorities. It is the responsibility of each Contest winner to determine the tax consequences of the prizes received and to comply with all applicable laws in all respects.

## **Section VI – Notice and Privacy Policy**

Upon submission of entry, the material entered becomes the property of Constituting America. By entering the Contest, entrants grant Constituting America the right, unless prohibited by law, to use their names, cities and states of residence, pictures and likenesses without compensation, for the express purpose of advertising and publicity of the Contest in any and all media, now or after. Entrants also grant Constituting America permission to use their name and materials submitted to further its mission as stated on [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org). Privacy Policy is posted on [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org). Entrant hereby agrees and acknowledges the provisions set forth in the Privacy Policy.

To receive further information about Constituting America, students, adults, parents or guardians must click “Sign Up for Email Updates” on the front page of the website at [www.constitutingamerica.org](http://www.constitutingamerica.org).

## **Section VII – Disclaimer**

Constituting America will administer any and all aspects of the Contest, including, without limitation, evaluating an entrant’s qualification or material submission, judge selection, review of entry documents and information, determination of prize winners, all of which is in the sole and absolute discretion of Constituting America. Any and all decisions of Constituting America relating to the administration of the Contest are final in all respects and no entrant or person or organization related thereto, has a right to appeal, contest, and dispute or otherwise challenge such administration.

Constituting America is not responsible for (i) incorrect or inaccurate entry information whether caused by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized by this contest or by any human error which may occur in the processing of entries into this contest; or (ii) for lost, late, misdirected or delayed entries or electronic transmission errors or technical malfunctions.

If for any reason, the Contest is interrupted, delayed or negatively affected by any causes beyond the control of Constituting America, Constituting America reserves the right to cancel, modify or delay the Contest.

## **Section VIII – Nondiscrimination Policy**

Constituting America will not discriminate in any manner, including on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in its administration of the Contest. Each eligible entry submitted will be evaluated upon the merit of its contents and the criteria described in [Section IV](#).

This Contest is governed by the internal laws of the state of Texas without regard to principles of conflict of laws. If any provision of these Official Rules and Regulations is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein.