

# The United States Constitution

And Why It's Important to You

## *Project Description*

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Category:

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My project is a lesson plan designed for classrooms of a wide range of ages. This lesson can be applied from elementary school to high school. The lesson focuses on some fundamental pieces of knowledge that every U.S. citizen should know about their Constitution, as well as some ways in which they utilize their Constitutional rights everyday, without even knowing it. The lesson also goes through some ways that students can get involved in their local and federal government, even though they may not be adults yet. I know that when I was younger, it frustrated me that I couldn't do anything to affect how my life was governed - but I actually could! If only I had known the ways I could have gotten involved. Throughout the presentation, there are resources that students can use, creating an interactive experience. The resources are also listed at the end of the student worksheet, so they can take their knowledge home with them.

Why this qualifies as a STEM project:

Using technology, I have created a lesson plan that makes learning about the Constitution fun and interesting. I used Google Slides, gifs, images, videos, links to other websites, and a Kahoot I created (an online quiz game where students answer from their phones). Through Google Slides, this lesson can be shared all across the nation, simply by the click of a button. In order to reach classrooms across America, it is important to use technology that is widely known and used, such as Google.

How to view the lesson:

The presentation can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/173TKNH9L4Lw2hxo5CwwKhc-FHzThBZM9GOVXhCkA-ZY/edit?usp=sharing>

The student worksheet to go along with the lesson can be found in the Speaker Notes section at the bottom of the first slide, and also through this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yZZVEqKlFBDcrYajaWdeZHJd4oD5rJZnwqhl7Fd9RJA/edit?usp=sharing>

For the full effect of the presentation, click “Present” in the top right corner of the screen, and click through the presentation. Make sure to click on the links and watch the videos!

\*Note: Teachers who use this lesson do not have to just read off the slides. They can add in their own Constitutional knowledge, and go off the information given in the lesson.