

Government and Citizenship trunk suggested uses

Thematic usage based on teacher manual

This trunk is organized around five sections regarding government: Structure of (levels of), Issues, Famous People, Rights and Responsibilities, and Media, with a focus on Pennsylvania and a spotlight on Chester County in particular. Each section has textual information, multiple lesson plans (or one lesson plan with multiple parts), and activities.

This trunk provides many extension/enrichment activities and is suitable for students from intermediate to high school. **NOTE: This trunk discusses the rights and responsibilities of people who are already citizens, not the path to citizenship.**

Trunk Highlights include:

Structure section: Levels of government sort, jigsaw puzzles of Pennsylvania counties/municipalities provide **hands-on activities**. Children's books on government included. **Critical thinking** prompted by similarities /differences thought sheet and preamble documents study.

Issues section: A card game on voting rights through the year provides **hands-on learning**. Textual information includes a timeline of voting rights and background information on voting. **Critical thinking** is reinforced by extension activity suggestions.

Famous People: Manipulatives include "Who was it?" cards and issue cards. Biographical information included on all the famous people mentioned in this section. **Visual and immersive interaction** opportunity for students through a play script on Bayard Rustin.

Rights and Responsibilities: Students discuss the oath of allegiance and take a mock citizenship quiz to **activate perspective** on this hot topic. Activities on the rights of citizens stimulate **critical thinking skills**. Mock jury activity provides an **immersive experience**.

Media: Set up the 6' timeline graphic in the classroom to focus attention on media's effect on politics historically and today. **Design** your own campaign button using the campaign button-maker, **design** a ballot box and ballots, **write** a campaign speech for some **hands-on activities**.