

We the People Unit Plan Overview

The Unit Plan Overview assists teachers in understanding which pieces of the Unit Plan will be used daily. It lists the Assessment pieces, Lesson Plans and Student Web Lessons that the teacher will need for a particular day.

Note: For best integration of skills, lesson plans should be taught in the order listed below for each day. Notice that after the second day, the order remains the same.

Day 1

Diagnostic Assessment

Reading – Diagnostic Assessment #1, Compare This

Writing – Diagnostic Assessment #2, Why Vote

Social Studies – Diagnostic Assessment #3, Florida Government

Math – Diagnostic Assessment #4, Money Math

Day 2

All diagnostic assessments are administered as part of Session 1 of each of the lesson plans described below. Day 2 begins with activities for Session 2 for each lesson plan.

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Citizenship

Session 2

What is citizenship? Using the preambles from the US Constitution and the Florida State Constitution as references, students determine rights and responsibilities of citizenship. This introductory lesson for the unit, *We the People*, introduces students to the concept of citizenship that will be the common thread throughout the entire unit.

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President

Session 2

Have you ever wondered what kind of person makes a good president? Students learn strategies to develop reading vocabulary and learn to identify comparison and contrast as an aid to comprehension as they follow Julio and his secret desire to become class president. The novel, *Class President*, is used for this ten-day lesson.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials

Session 2

Who is your favorite elected official? Students choose an elected official to research, and share their information in a report. The report must be focused, contain supporting details from various sources, and use correct conventions including indentation. This day's lesson stresses punctuation and writing an article that is focused on a central idea.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets

Session 2

How do you decide if you can afford to buy something new? Using a budget lets you know where your money is being spent as well as how much money you have left to spend. In this lesson, students use tables to solve budget problems. Addition and subtraction of decimals are used in the problem-solving process. This day's lesson focuses on adding and subtracting decimals.

Day 3

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 3

This day's lesson focuses on vocabulary strategies.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 3

This day's lesson focuses on capitalization.

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Branches of Government

Session 1

Are the different parts of government confusing to you? Students will use graphic organizers to assist them in learning about the three branches of government. This day's lesson focuses on branches of the national government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 3

This day's lesson expands the study of adding and subtracting decimals.

Student Web Lesson

Show Me the Money

Students interact with the lesson as they add columns after aligning the decimals.

Day 4

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 4

Vocabulary continues to be a focus and the reading strategy of comparison and contrast is introduced.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 4

This day's lesson is about learning to write details, and facts from various sources that support the focus of the writing.

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Branches of Government (continued)

Session 2

This day's lesson focuses on branches of the state government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 4

This day's lesson focuses on using data from a table to solve a problem.

Day 5

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 5

Strategies for developing vocabulary and comparison and contrast are continued in this day's lesson.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 5

All five of the writing standards are reviewed and practiced.

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Branches of Government (continued)

Session 3

This day's lesson focuses on branches of the local government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 5

This day's lesson expands the study of adding and subtracting decimals.

Student Web Lesson

My Backpack

Students interact with the lesson as they use tables to solve problems.

Day 6

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 6

Strategies for developing vocabulary and comparison and contrast are continued in this day's lesson.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 6

All five of the writing standards are reviewed and practiced.

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Makers of the Law, The Legislative Branch

Who makes the law? Students learn about the legislative branch of government, its structure, function, and basic responsibility, as well as whom their legislative representatives are. This lesson focuses on state and county legislatures.

Summative Assessment

Writing - Summative Assessment #1, What is a Good Citizen?

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 6

This day's lesson focuses on using data from a table, specifically from the Governor's Florida budget.

Day 7

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 7

Strategies for developing vocabulary and comparison and contrast are continued in this day's lesson.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 7

Research and writing begins for Summative Assessment #5 (Writing and Social Studies).

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Enforcers of the Law, The Executive Branch

Have you ever wondered just what a governor does at work? Students learn about the executive branch of government, its structure, function, and basic responsibility, as well as whom their elected officials are for this branch. This lesson focuses on Florida's executive branch of government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 7

Review for Summative Assessment #3.

Day 8

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 8

Strategies for developing vocabulary and comparison and contrast are continued in this day's lesson. Summative Assessment #2 is administered.

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 8

Research and writing continues for Summative Assessment #5 (Writing and Social Studies).

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Is it Legal? – The Judicial Branch

Our governor suggests laws, and our congress passes the laws, but who makes sure the new laws are legal? Students learn about the judicial branch of government, its structure, function, and basic responsibility, as well as whom their elected officials are for this branch. This lesson focuses on Florida's judicial branch of government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 8

Administer Summative Assessment #3.

Summative Assessment

Reading – Summative Assessment #2, Reading to Learn

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.

Math – Summative Assessment #3, The Budget

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.

Day 9

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 9

Strategies for developing vocabulary and comparison and contrast are continued in this day's lesson. Review for Summative Assessment #5 (Reading).

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 9

Research and writing continues for Summative Assessment #5 (Writing and Social Studies).

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Power to the People

Reviewing the branches of government can be a boring, tedious procedure, but students will be happy to show what they know while participating in this game type review. This is a review for Summative Assessment #4.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 9

The Student Web Lesson, Let's Do Lunch, is used as the final review for Summative Assessment #5 (Math).

Student Web Lesson

Let's Do Lunch

Students use a menu (table) to order lunches of different food combinations that meet specific price criteria. Addition and subtraction of decimals is practiced.

Day 10

Lesson Plan (Reading)

Class President (continued)

Session 10

Administer Summative Assessment #5 (Reading).

Lesson Plan (Writing)

Getting to Know Our Elected Officials (continued)

Session 10

Writing continues for Summative Assessment #5 (Writing and Social Studies).

Lesson Plan (Social Studies)

Power to the People (continued)

Administer Summative Assessment #4, Branches of Government.

Lesson Plan (Math)

Buying and Budgets (continued)

Session 10

Administer Summative Assessment #5 (Math).

Summative Assessment

Social Studies – Summative Assessment #4, Branches of Government

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.

Reading and Math – Summative Assessment #5, Florida Government at Work

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.

Day 11

Summative Assessment

Social Studies and Writing – Summative Assessment #5, Florida Government at Work

All instructions and materials are available from the unit's associated files.