

INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Each lesson plan has a cover page which lists the objectives and where the lesson plan fits into the Social Studies K-6 Core Curriculum. It suggests the grade level of the lesson, gives credit to the source of the lesson, and makes an approximate time allocation. We have included several student activities with each section and have tried to combine class discussion effectively with writing activities and independent student worksheets with group work. The Table of Contents lists each lesson plan and its objectives for easy reference to content.

A variety of diverse teaching strategies are suggested in the lesson plans. We encourage you to experiment with a variety of approaches, but also to find and use strategies that are compatible with your students and your teaching style. You will find some lessons more interesting and applicable than others. One great strength of law-related education is that it lends itself to various teaching approaches encouraging writing, thinking, and discussing — both creatively and analytically.

This manual has been prepared for use with looseleaf binders to encourage teachers to add lesson plans and activities. It is anticipated that this will be a continuing project, and we urge teachers to submit workable ideas and activities that could be included in a future edition. Finally, the media and materials listed in the lesson plans are available from the Utah Law-Related Education Project and may be checked out by calling the office at 801-322-1802 or e-mailing the office at lre@icw.com.

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