



UTAH LAW RELATED EDUCATION

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Utah Mock Trials

Utah Law Related Education sponsors the mock trial competition which is open to all secondary schools in the state. Teams of up to 11 students argue a case, once as the plaintiff/prosecution and once as the defense. Teachers interested in sponsoring a team should contact the Utah LRE office at lre@icw.com.

We are so grateful to the hundreds of supporters who coached and judged the mock trial teams competing in the 2011 Mock Trial Program. Seventy-six teams competed in ninety-six playoff, quarter-final, semi-final, and championship mock trials. Most of these trials, lasting 3+ hours, were judged by a panel of two attorneys and one community representative. Together, more than 3,000 hours were donated.

The 2011 High School Championship teams were Mountain View High School, 1st place, and City Academy, 2nd place. Kaysville Junior High School placed 1st in the Junior High Division, with Midvale Middle placing 2nd.



Pictured above are the Midvale Middle School Mock Trial Teams.

The 2012 Mock Trial Competition will begin February 27 and end April 5, 2012. The Mock Trial teacher meeting and Attorney CLE training will be January 25, 2012, at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, in Salt Lake City. The team registration form will be e-mailed to teachers in mid-October or may be downloaded in mid-October at Utah Law Related Education's website: www.lawrelatededucation.org.

The *2012 Mock Trial Handbook*, may be downloaded on January 25, 2012. Other mock trial cases and scripted mock trials also may be downloaded at this site.

We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution

On February 7, 2011, students from East High, Mountain Crest High, Riverton High, and Sky View High participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the University of Utah Student Union Building. Sky View placed first overall, and Mountain Crest was second. Riverton High placed first in Unit 5, and East High placed first in Unit 6. Sky View High School represented Utah at the National Competition in Washington, D. C.

The 2012 State High School Mock Congressional Hearings will be held February 13 at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Questions for the 2012 state high school competition may be downloaded at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=simulated_congressional_hearings#resource.



Sky View High School; 2011 We the People First Place Winners

On February 3, 2011, students from Centennial Middle, Central Davis Junior, and Lehi Junior participated in the State Mock Congressional Hearings at the University of Utah. Centennial Middle School won the State title. The 2012 Junior High School Competition will be held on February 9, 2012. Junior High School classes will prepare for question one in each of the six units.

Schools or teachers interested in participating in the program may contact their Congressional District Coordinator.

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The **Center for Civic Education's** website includes videos of mock congressional hearings. These are great resources for teachers, students, and judges to learn about the process. Please check it out at www.civiced.org. Classroom sets of books also may be purchased at the site.

We the People . . . Project Citizen



On March 28, 2011, the Project Citizen Showcase was held at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. For overall best portfolio, "Clean School Environment", which was sent to the National Showcase, Matheson Junior High School was the winner. For oral presentations, Matheson Junior High School's class won the competition, with Bountiful Junior High School placing second and Rocky Mountain Middle School third.

Free classroom sets of books are available for teachers interested in participating. For more information, please contact Bill Spence at billspence@alpine.k12.ut.us.

Representative Democracy in America

Representative Democracy in America: Voices of the People is a national project created by the Alliance for Representative Democracy, an educational outreach program of the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the Trust for Representative Democracy at the National Conference of State Legislatures. The project introduces citizens, and particularly young people, to the representatives, institutions, and processes that serve to realize the goal of a government of, by, and for the people.

For more information about the program and training opportunities in Utah, contact:

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Salt Lake Peer Court

Salt Lake Peer Court is a prevention/intervention Program utilized by the Salt Lake City School District. Approximately 300 youth are referred to Peer Court each year. Offenses most commonly referred are chronic truancy, fighting, disorderly conduct, theft, vandalism, harassment, and tobacco.

Salt Lake Peer Court is

- A three part program: 1) Court Hearings, 2) Peer Mentoring, and 3) Mediation;
- An alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system and school disciplinary proceedings using a non-adversarial approach for youth who are sentenced and mentored by their peers;
- A restorative-justice approach to hold youth accountable for their actions, to build skills, and to strengthen their ties to school and community;
- An approach which empowers youth and communities to take an active role in addressing the early stages of youth delinquency; and
- A program that eliminates social barriers and unites youth throughout the community as they collaborate to intervene with referred youth.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.saltlakepeercourt.org>.

Salt Lake Peer Court members will be sworn in by Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Christine M. Durham on Wednesday, September 7, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Utah State Bar Law and Justice Center. Chief Justice Durham, Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank, and Salt Lake School District Superintendent McKell Withers will be the speakers.

Constitution Day

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The purpose of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is to commemorate the creation and signing of the supreme law of the land and to honor and celebrate the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship for both native-born and naturalized citizens. Federal law requires that all schools receiving federal funds hold an educational program for their students on September 17 of each year.

Free lessons designed to assist schools and federal agencies to meet the requirements of this law are available from the Center for Civic Education at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=constitution_day. Eleven lessons are available to be downloaded for grades K–12. Teacher instructions and selected lessons also are available as audio downloads. Materials have been adapted from the Center's *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* and *Foundations of Democracy* curricular materials. Audio recordings of selected Constitution Day lessons also are available.

Additional Resources

Apples 4 the Teacher : U.S. Government - Constitution Day Classroom Activities - Constitution Week Unit of Study. Printable Coloring pages, Book Reviews, Word Jumbles, Worksheets and Word Searches. <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/constitution-day>

Celebrate Constitution Day 2011 with lessons from the Constitutional Rights Foundation. <http://www.crf-usa.org/constitution-day/constitution-day-lesson-plans-kindergarten-middle-and-high-school.html>

The Constitution - Debate It. Discuss It. Understand It. Website has lesson plans, interactive features and games, conversation starters, and information on landmark Supreme Court cases. http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/initiatives_awards/constitution_day/lessons.html

Read the Constitution. http://www.abanet.org/publiced/constitutionday/textconst_intro.shtml

National Archives: Teaching With Documents: Observing Constitution Day <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/constitution-day/>

Wikispaces: Resources for Constitution Day. Check out Barney Fife reciting the Preamble, School House Rock's

video on The Preamble, and the Bill of Rights Rap. <http://constitutionday.wikispaces.com>

Constitution Facts' Fun Zone has crossword puzzles, test your knowledge quizzes, treasure hunts, and word finds. <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

Celebrate Constitution Day with fun, interactive materials and lesson plans. www.billofrightsinstitute.org

Calendar of Events

2011

- September 1 We The People state high school questions posted at http://www.civiced.org/index.php?page=simulated_congressional_hearings#resource.
- September 7 Salt Lake Peer Court Swearing-In Ceremony
- September 19 Constitution Day
- October 4-8 Supreme Court Week
- October 31 Mock trial registration posted. www.lawrelatededucation.org
- December 15 Mock trial registration due.
- December 15 Bill of Rights Day

2012

- January 1 Mock trial schedule available.
- January 25 Mock trial teacher meeting
- January 25 Mock trial attorney CLE
- January 25 2012 Mock Trial Case posted. www.lawrelatededucation.org
- February 9 State Junior High School We the People Competition
- February 13 State High School We the People Competition
- February 21 Mock trials begin.
- May 1 Law Day
- May 2-6 National Mock Trial Competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- June 21-22 Project Citizen and Representative Democracy in America In-Service Training

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Think about sponsoring your school's We the People Program by purchasing a classroom set of books.

Because the Center for Civic Education did not receive federal funding this year, textbooks are no longer available free of charge. Sets may be purchased at www.civiced.org.

Upper Elementary



Softcover

Classroom set: **\$330.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-245-S)

Student text: **\$13.00** each, 10 or more: **\$12.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-245-X)

Teacher's guide: **\$20.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-246-0)

Middle School



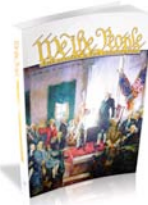
Softcover

Classroom set: **\$395.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-173-S)

Student book: **\$15.00** each, 10 or more: **\$14.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-173-9)

Teacher's edition: **\$22.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-174-6)

High School



Softcover

Classroom set: **\$475.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-232-S)

Student text: **\$21.00** each, 10 or more: **\$18.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-232-3)

Teacher's guide: **\$27.00** each (ISBN: 0-89818-234-7)