

LAWYERS IN THE CLASSROOM

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Illustrative List of Topics: The following are a listing of general topics. The presenters have many lesson plans on these topics that they can introduce to stimulate interest, conversation, and exploration with the students.

Foundation of America

Recognize the history and content of the United States Constitution

Analyze the Constitution to determine guarantees and protections

Explain the significance of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Pledge of Allegiance, Federalist Papers

Rights and Responsibilities of American Citizens

Explain how a person becomes an American citizen

Feel positive about the roles of citizens in the United States

Describe the roles and influence of political parties

Federalism

Federalism explained

The three levels of government

Understanding the importance of the system of checks and balances

State Government

Structure of state government, state constitutions

Functions of state legislatures, governors, and the courts

Local Government

Recognize the structure of local governments

Appreciate the impact local governments have on their daily lives

Understand the roles of members of local government

The Legal System in the United States

Understanding how the legal system works

Explain why laws are necessary

Role of Lawyers and Judges

Discuss how cases proceed through civil and criminal courts

Vocational opportunities in the legal system

Juveniles in the United States

Detail the goals of juvenile justice

Explain how the legal system deals with juvenile offenders