



LAW ★ DAY 2021
ADVANCING THE
RULE OF LAW NOW

Defining the Rule of Law using Google Jamboard

1. Read or post this: ***The United States is a country governed by The Rule of Law. What does “Rule of Law” mean?***

Students should each write a brief definition or example of “The Rule of Law.” If they don’t know what Rule of Law means, encourage them to think about the meaning of each word and come up with their best guess from there. Encourage them to first jot it down on a slip of paper without looking at the sharing platform. Once everyone has something written, then they should all share via your choice of sharing platform.

2. Sharing platform: Suggested to use this Google Jamboard [Law Day Jam](#); Other options: physical post-its for in-person students; chat or virtual whiteboard for online students.

Notes about using Google Jamboard: Before using this Jam, please log in to Google and make your own copy of the Jam. The Jam is currently set so that anyone with the link can edit. Don’t provide this link to students.

Before using, do the following:

- Make a copy for each class period.
- In each, click on share, and change settings to restricted.
- Then paste in all of their emails.
- Make sure the share permission is then set to editor. Click send to invite them.
- When they click the link in their email, their initials will appear with their work in the Jam.

3. Ask students to quietly read over everyone’s contributions.
4. OPTIONAL: Complete the Rule of Law video activity ([LINK](#))
5. Ask students to reconsider everyone’s contributions. Discuss each and determine whether or not it correctly defines or gives an example of the Rule of Law. Physically separate those notes from the others. Vote and rank the best definitions and examples. Select those and physically move them to the top. If you are not using Jamboard or post-its, simply write, type, or otherwise display the best choices.

6. You can stop here and engage the students in a conversation to come up with the best definition of the phrase “The Rule of Law” using the top posts and other points that have come to mind after watching and discussing the video.

Or, if you prefer to go a little deeper and spend more time before crafting the final definition, here are some suggestions:

- *Give students 5 minutes to conduct an internet search for definitions of “The Rule of Law.”*
- *Direct students to this page to read more about the Rule of Law:
<https://judiciallearningcenter.org/law-and-the-rule-of-law/>*

7. Share/display your final class definition of the “The Rule of Law.”