

Illustrated Bill of Rights

Lesson Plan: 3-5

Overview

Students will examine the text of the Bill of Rights to develop an understanding of the civil liberties contained. They will express their understanding of the right as a drawings contained within each corresponding Amendment number.

Corresponding Student Center Pages

• The Constitution and Rights

Suggested Time Needed

1 class period

Learning Objectives

After completing this activity, students will:

- Have a greater understanding of the rights and liberties presented in the Bill of Rights.
- Be able to identify the rights granted in the Bill of Rights, by Amendment.

Guiding Questions

- Why is the Bill of Rights so important?
- How would the United States be different if we did not have these rights?

Missouri Grade Level and Course Level Expectations

4.PC.1.C - Explain the major purposes of the Bill of Rights. Identify important principles in the Bill of Rights.

5.PC.1.C - Apply the principles of the Bill of Right to historical time period being studied and to current events.

Materials Needed

- The Bill of Rights
- Illustrated Bill of Rights Page (one copy per student)



Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Procedure:

- 1. Distribute one copy of A: Illustrated Bill of Rights Page to each student.
- 2. Project or display the Bill of Rights so that the whole class can see. Discuss each amendment with the class. After discussing the amendments, instruct the students to draw a picture, or multiple pictures in the corresponding number to create an illustrated Bill of Rights.
- 3. As they work, circulate through the classroom to check for understanding of the rights.
- 4. Allow time to color the drawings and finalize any other decorations on the page.
- 5. Review the Guiding Questions
 - Why is the Bill of Rights so important?
 - How would the United States be different if we did not have the rights that you have drawn?

