

Overview of SCH

The We the People curriculum enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy and helps them to identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help develop the participatory skills necessary for students to become active, responsible citizens.

The culminating activity is a simulated congressional hearing in which students testify before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. The hearings, whether competitive or noncompetitive, provide the classroom teacher with an excellent means of motivating students and assessing their performance.