

Resources

- *5 student classroom computers and teacher's laptop
- *Computer lab and mobile lab will be reserved, as needed
- *Kidspiration and/or Inspiration
- *Kids Work Deluxe
- *Kids Pix Deluxe 3
- *Promethean Board
- *Microsoft Publisher and PowerPoint
- *Audacity or other sound recording software (for students to use for song project if they decide to record it)
- *Clipart was used from Microsoft Office Online.

*Websites:

Online Resources:

www.ikeepbookmarks.com/ (login tracy lang)

Primary Sources:

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters_of_freedom_4.html#

This website gives students an opportunity to look at and read about the first constitution of the United States. Students can look at a picture of the original *Articles of Confederation*.

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>

This website gives student an opportunity to look at and read about the Constitution of the United States. Students can look at a picture of the original Constitution.

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/treasures_of_congress/Images/page_1/8a.html

This website gives the students an opportunity to read about and look at the original Virginia Plan. The students will learn that the Virginia Plan listed components of what would become the U.S. Constitution.

Information and Pictures

<http://clerkkids.house.gov/>

This website teaches about the U.S. House of Representatives. Students can take quizzes, play games, read information about the House of Representatives, and look at a map of the Capital complex. Students can also explore to find out how a bill is made.

http://www.evgschool.org/three_branches_of_government.htm

This website includes pictures and information about the three branches of government. Students can take a quiz to see what they know about the three branches of government.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/>

This website is the home of the White House government site. Students can read about the three branches of government and can see pictures of the buildings in which the three branches of government members work.

Printables

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/class/reproducibles/theme/0,17836,Government,00.html>

The students will complete the page *Our National Government (2005)*. This sheet describes the three branches of government and the jobs of each. The students will be expected to read about each branch and answer the questions.

Videos and Songs

BrainPop: "Branches of Government"

This BrainPop video explains what the three branches of government are in kid-friendly terms.

BrainPopJr.: "President"

This BrainPopJr video describes the jobs of the president.

United Streaming: "This Is Your Government: Branches of Government"

This video discusses the three branches of government, shows footage of the Capitol, the White House and the Supreme Court.

Teacher Tube video

Schoolhouse Rock: Three Ring Government

http://www.teachertube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=7b849d6f013ba46489d6

This Teacher Tube video teaches the students about the three branches of government by singing a song.

Webquests/Thinkquests:

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/chesterfield/schmalz/governmentwebquest/>

This webquest is called *A Law: To Be or Not To Be*. Even though this webquest could be used on its own to do the research, the students will use the websites on this webquest to search for information about the particular branch of government they are researching.

<http://library.thinkquest.org/J0110221/>

Students will use the links found on this webquest while searching for information about the branch of government they are researching.

<http://alton.k12.mo.us/warren/3branch.htm>

The students will use this webquest to find information about the branch of government they are researching.

Review game

http://www.texaslre.org/branches_game.html

When the students go to this website, they will play a review game about the three branches of government. The students drag the leaves with descriptions on them to the correct branch on the tree (with the names of the branches of government on them).

Books:

[The House of Representatives](#) by Daniel Partner

This book teaches about the history of the House of Representatives. It describes the structure of the House of Representatives, jobs of the House of Representatives, and the influence it has on America.

Social Studies book

The students can use our Social Studies book to help explore about the three branches of government.

[Electing the President](#) by Barbara Silberdick Feinberg

This book teaches the historical roots and development of our government. Students will learn the process the President has to go through when being elected.

[So You Want To Be President](#) by Judith St. George

This book tells about the lives of 41 presidents in an entertaining way.

[The Judicial Branch: Interpreting America's Laws](#) by Hamed Damini

This book explains about the Supreme Court of the United States and how the Supreme Court decides which laws are constitutional. It also explains that the Judicial Branch of government is also comprised of judges of the federal and district courts.

New technology: classroom blog- <http://leapingforlearninglizards.wordpress.com/>
www.ikeepbookmarks.com bookmarking service

Make a game by using template at <http://factstaff.uww.edu/jonesd/games/index.html>

Students can visit game about three branches of government created by teacher. Students can be given the opportunity to create their own game.

Blog: This blog will be the new type of technology I will use with my class. The website is <http://leapingforlearninglizards.wordpress.com/> .