

Defense of Freedom and the Constitution Lesson Plan 6th Grade

6th Grade Lesson Plan (50 minutes)

Topic: The Constitution & Protecting Freedom

Objective

Students will:

- Understand what the Constitution is
 - Identify the **three branches of government**
 - Learn basic rights from the Bill of Rights
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Warm-Up (5 min)

Ask:

- “Why do we need rules in a classroom?”
 Connect to rules for a country
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Mini Lesson (15 min)

Teach (simple language):

- The Constitution is the **rulebook for the United States**
- It created **3 branches of government**:
 - Legislative → makes laws
 - Executive → enforces laws
 - Judicial → interprets laws

Introduce:

- Bill of Rights = first 10 amendments (protect freedoms)

Activity (15 min)

“Branch Match Game”

Students match:

- Branch → Job

Example:

- President → Executive
- Congress → Legislative
- Supreme Court → Judicial

Discussion (10 min)

- Why is it important to have checks and balances?
- What right is most important to you?

Exit Ticket (5 min)

- Name one branch of government
- Name one right you have

6th Grade Quiz

1. What is the Constitution?
2. Name one branch of government
3. What does the President do?
4. What is one right in the Bill of Rights?

Answer Key:

1. Rulebook for government
2. Legislative / Executive / Judicial

3. Enforces laws
4. Speech, religion, etc.