



"Preserving Our Democracy,"

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Columbus Convention Center

Resources for High School Civics Education

- **National Constitution Center**
<https://constitutioncenter.org>

The Center provides information about core constitutional issues, such as the branches of government, landmark court cases, first amendment freedoms, and civil rights, through weekly virtual classes, part lecture and part interactive.

- **United States Courts**
<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/educational-activities/distance-learning-civics-civic-engagement-federal-courts>

The US Courts' Distance Learning project allows teachers and students to explore the rule of law, separation of powers, and judicial independence through presentations given by sitting federal judges. Judges also bring courtroom programs into the distance-learning space with a series of activities that teach legal skills as life skills.

- **iCivics**
<https://www.icivics.org>

Founded by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, iCivics offers free on-line lesson plans, games and other activities and resources teachers can use to inspire their students about the Constitution and the courts.

- **Annenberg Classroom**
<http://www.annenbergclassroom.org>

The Annenberg Public Policy Center of the Univ. of Pennsylvania provides a comprehensive Constitution curriculum for middle and high school students. Curriculum resources include more than 60 documentaries on landmark Supreme Court cases and conversations with Supreme Court justices; standards-aligned lesson plans; a *Guide to the Constitution: What It Says, What It Means*; critical thinking lesson plans; and timelines tied to the Constitution's articles and amendments.

- **American Bar Association**
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/projects-and-initiatives/civil-rights-civics-institute.](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/projects-and-initiatives/civil-rights-civics-institute)

The ABA Civil Rights Civics Institute offers a short education video and written responses answering student-generated questions on civil rights related topics.

- **ConSource: The Constitutional Sources Project**
<http://consource.org>

Connects American citizens of all ages to constitutional history by creating a comprehensive and freely accessible digital library of historical sources related to the creation, ratification, and amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

- **Hillsdale 1776 Curriculum**
<https://k12.hillsdale.edu/Curriculum/The-Hillsdale-1776-curriculum>

Hillsdale College offers a collection of free lesson plans for teaching American history, civics, and government to K-12 students.

- **Street Law**
<https://www.streetlaw.org>

Street Law, Inc. offers classroom and community education programs that empower people with the legal and civic knowledge, skills, and confidence to bring about positive change for themselves and others.

- **Justice by the People**
<https://www.scholastic.com/americanjustice/index.html>

Lesson plans and games to help teach the Constitution and about trials and juries put together by “Justice by the People” – an education program sponsored by the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

- **Ohio State Bar Association**
<http://www.OhioBar.org>

OSBA has a variety of information available to the public, including “Commonly Asked Law Questions

- **Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE)**
<http://www.oclre.org>

OCLRE hosts high school-level Mock Trial competitions and a wide variety of other programs aimed at increasing civic education to K-12 students. The website offers

information and resources for educators, including lesson plans, interactive web programs, worksheets, and handouts.

- **United States Supreme Court**
<https://www.supremecourt.gov>

This site describes the history of the court and important Justices, opinions in all recent cases, and an on-line “Activity Booklet” for grades 5 – 12

- **SCOTUSblog**
<https://www.scotusblog.com>

The blog comprehensively covers the U.S. Supreme Court by reporting The on merits cases before argument, after argument, and after the decision. It provides access to all briefs and publishes broader analytical pieces.

- **United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio**
<https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/civics-education-and-community-outreach>

This site provides Information about the federal trial courts sitting in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, and covering 48 Ohio counties.

- **Ohio Supreme Court**
<https://www.Supremecourt.Ohio.gov>

The site provides information about the court, current and former justices, copies of court decisions, legal briefs, and information about visiting the court.

- **The Ohio Channel**
<https://www.ohiochannel.org>

This unedited, commentary-free coverage of the Ohio Statehouse and Supreme Court of Ohio gives students an unbiased perspective on government activities. Students can watch live and archived streams of legislative floor sessions and oral arguments before the Supreme Court.