

West Virginia Studies Resource Development

Title of Lesson: Who are my elected officials?
Grade level: 8th Grade
Summary: In this lesson the students will name who the elected officials at the state and national levels.
WV CCR Social Studies Standards: SS8.4 Differentiate between the division of powers and responsibilities for each of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the United States and West Virginia governments, describe the system of checks and balances, and explore local forms of government. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cite the elected officials at the national, state and local levels, the Constitutional requirements for election and responsibilities of each office.
Students will know and understand (content): Essential Questions Who are their state and national elected representatives? What are the requirements to serve as an elected official as a state or national representative?
Students will be able to do (skills): List the members of state government (House of Delegates, State Senate, Governor, Supreme Court of Appeals). List the members of the national government (President, House of Representatives, US Senate, US Supreme Court). List the age, residency, citizenship, and other requirements to serve as a representative.
Materials & Resources: Handouts of State and National Requirements of Office West Virginia History Textbook Computer/ Ipad to research the requirements of office Slide show program to show the class their answers and pictures of their representatives
Learning Plan: Daily Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hand out the requirements of office handouts.2. Divide the class into 8 groups to research specific elected officials (Assign each group one. President, House of Representatives, US Senate, US Supreme Court, Governor, House of Delegates, State Senate, State Supreme Court)

3. The students will research their specific person/people and requirements to serve in this position.
4. The students will put their answers/pictures into a slide show program to show the other members in class.

Checking for Understanding:

Class discussion-

The teacher will ask each group to share their answers with the entire class.

Extended Questions:

1. Why are there requirements for holding political office?
2. Why do you think you must be older to run for President of the United States as opposed to running for West Virginia House of Delegates?

Accommodations:

This is a group lesson. The teacher will place students together with a variety of learning levels.

West Virginia History Bowl Questions:

How old does a man or woman need to be to serve in the West Virginia House of Delegates? 18

How old does a man or woman need to be to serve in the West Virginia Senate? 25

How old does a man or woman need to be to serve as governor? 30

Who currently serves as the governor of West Virginia? Jim Justice (as of 2019)

Who currently serves as the Chief Justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals? Beth Walker (as of 2019)

Who is the current President of the West Virginia Senate? Mitch Carmichael (as of 2019)

Under the state constitution, the person holding what position is to act as governor in the event the governor's office becomes vacant or the governor is unable to fulfill his/her duties? President of the Senate

Who are West Virginia's two current members of the US Senate? (Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito (as of 2019)

Who are West Virginia's three current members of the US House of Representatives? David McKinley, Alex Mooney, and Carol Miller (as of 2019)