

## **Lesson Plan - Law of the Land Scavenger Hunt**

### **Objective:**

- Students become familiar with the text of the Constitution, its organization and format.
- By the end of the lesson, students should be able to identify the major theme of each article and basic information about government structure as established by the Constitution.

### **Standards:**

- ODE American History Standards K-12
  - Some documents in American history have considerable importance for the development of the nation. Students use historical thinking to examine key documents which form the basis for the United States of America.
    - Problems facing the national government under the Articles of Confederation led to the drafting of the Constitution of the United States. The framers of the Constitution applied ideas of Enlightenment in conceiving the new government.

### **Materials:**

- Law of the Land Worksheet – Provide 1 copy of handout per team. Having different colored paper for each team (4-5 teams) is helpful. Worksheets are cut into 15 slips (one for each of the 15 questions) and collated by color into one set for each team.
- Copies of the Constitution for each student.

### **Sequence:**

- Students form groups. Each group assigns a runner and a recorder.
- The teacher has a set of slips (cut from the worksheet) for each group.
- Each team sends their runner to receive the first slip. The group discusses where the information to answer the question can be found in the Constitution. They record the answer and where the answer was found (Article I, section 3 for example)
- The runner brings the slip up to the teacher to check the answer. If correct, the teacher gives the runner their team's next slip. If incorrect, the runner returns to his or her team to find the correct answer.
- The process continues until each team has completed all of their slips.

1a. How old do you have to be to run for the Senate?	Answer:	Location:
1b. How old do you have to be to run for the House of Representatives?	Answer:	Location:

2. As president, what is your military title?	Answer:	Location:
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3a. What crime is committed when one "levies war against the United States"?	Answer:	Location:
3b. How many witnesses are needed to convict a person accused of this crime?	Answer:	Location: Same as above.

4. In taking the oath of office as President, you agree to _____, _____, and _____ the Constitution of the United States.	Answer:	Location:
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5. What are the qualifications to run for President? List 3	Answer:	Location:
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6. What is the title of the head of the House of Representatives?	Answer:	Location:
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7. What government official also serves as president of the Senate?	Answer:	Location:
8. If you, as president, veto a bill, what faction of each House must vote "yea" to override the veto?	Answer:	Location:
9. What titles of nobility can Congress bestow on exceptional citizens?	Answer:	Location:
10. The president has "the power to grant _____ and _____ for offences against the United States."	Answer:	Location:
11. What special type of government trial many not be held by jury?	Answer:	Location:
12. If the legislatures of North Dakota and South Dakota vote to unite into one state, who must approve the move?	Answer:	Location:
13. If a person commits murder in Michigan, but is caught in Ohio, which state has the right to try the case?	Answer:	Location:
14. To change the Constitution, what fraction of states must approve the amendment?	Answer:	Location:

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15. Which legislative body has the sole power to try all impeachments?	Answer:	Location:
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