

National Web Sites

American Bar Association

Law Day lesson plans, materials, handouts, and resource materials.

www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/2008/home.shtml

Annenberg Classroom

Lesson plans and videos on the Constitution, history, elections, government, and citizenship.

www.annenbergclassroom.org

Bill of Rights Institute

Weekly lessons offer 20-minute discussion guides for middle and high school history and government teachers. Lesson plans based on primary source documents and interactive online modules.

www.BillofRightsInstitute.org

C-Span Classroom

Free resources for teaching civics and U.S. government.

www.c-spanclassroom.org

Center for Civics Education

Administers the We the People program (see California link). Provides lesson plans, publications, and resources for teachers.

www.civiced.org

Constitutional Rights Foundation

Statewide mock trial competitions, free online lessons, civics publications, Lawyer in the Classroom program.

www.crf-usa.org

Courts in the Classroom

Through this portal, students and teachers can enter an animated website called “Courts in the Classroom” that provides interactive exploration of the third branch, landmark cases, and more. The site is a collaboration between the AOC and the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

www.courtsed.org

Fact Check Ed.Org

A sister site to the Annenberg Political Fact Check, which monitors the factual accuracy of what is said in the nation’s political arena. The Web site aims to help students be smart observers of media messages and weigh evidence logically and to not draw conclusions based on personal biases. Includes lesson plans that outline a framework for analyzing information.

www.factchecked.org

National Constitution Center

Grant funding opportunities, lesson plans, interactive Constitution and other online resources, and games for younger and older students.

www.constitutioncenter.org

PBS's NewsHour Teacher Resources

Current events resources for grades 7–12, including lesson plans and videos and stories written by students.

www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers

U.S. Administrative Office of the Courts

Information and maps about the structure of the federal judiciary. Information on the difference between federal courts and state courts. Classroom activities and handouts on Supreme Court nomination process, jury duty, mock trials, etc. and interactive games.

www.uscourts.gov

California Web Sites

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Information about the Judicial Council of California and the AOC. Includes links to the Supreme Court, the appellate courts, and all 58 trial courts. Includes links to the California Courts Online Self Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp) and its Spanish language counterpart, Centro de Ayuda (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol).

www.courtinfo.ca.gov

California Archives and Museum

www.sos.ca.gov/archives/archives.htm

California Council for History Education

www.csuchico.edu/cche

California Historical Society

www.californiahistoricalsociety.org

California Supreme Court Historical Society

Dedicated to recovering, preserving, and promoting California's legal and judicial history, with a particular emphasis on the state's highest court. The society serves the interests of the bench and bar, the academic community, and the general public through its publications, educational programs, and support of scholarly research. In addition, it assists private and public agencies with exhibitions, oral histories, court tours, and the acquisition and archiving of judicial materials.

www.cschs.org

California—We the People

www.cawtp.com/prodev.htm

Learn California.org

California history site that includes teacher lesson plans aligned with the California Department of Education's content standards for California public schools. Includes a lesson plan on the levels of government in California.

www.learncalifornia.org

The State Bar of California

The State Bar is a public corporation within the judicial branch of government, serving as an arm of the California Supreme Court. All State Bar members are officers of the court. With more than 202,000 members (January 2006), the State Bar of California is one of the largest state bars in the country. Consumers may obtain free publications on subjects such as divorce and custody, auto accidents, elder abuse, jury service, and finding a lawyer. The State Bar also produces a series of major consumer education guides for the public, including *When You Become 18: A Survival Guide for Teenagers* and *Kids and the Law: An A–Z Guide for Parents*

www.calbar.ca.gov

Miscellaneous

Law For Kids

Web site developed in Arizona for youth, their parents, communities, and schools to increase knowledge about youth laws and to encourage law-abiding behavior. Created by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education through funding by the Arizona Supreme Court.

www.lawforkids.org