

CELEBRATE FREEDOM LESSON PLAN BEING AN INFORMED CITIZEN

Grades 3-6

Learning Objective(s): The student will be able to identify historical figures that have modeled active participation and exemplified good citizenship.

TEKS: Celebrate Freedom Week, Social Studies skills

Materials Needed: www.texaslre.org (Vote for Me! I was first.), student handout

Vocabulary: vote, ballot, citizenship

Teaching Strategy:

1. Teach vocabulary that identifies characteristics of active participation and good citizenship.
2. Discuss and give examples of active participation and good citizenship.
3. Go to www.texaslre.org and then watch the introduction link that tells students about naming an elementary school so that students will understand the need to be an informed voter.
4. Watch each of the 6 clips of **Vote for Me! I was the first. (Celebrate Freedom)**.
5. After watching each clip, have students match the person with the correct characteristics by drawing a line from the star to the scroll or writing the name at the top of the scroll.
6. After viewing all clips, students will have the information to make an informed vote for naming the new elementary school.
7. Using information on each historical figure, allow class to discuss and then vote on the historical figure that exhibited active participation and good citizenship.
8. Go to website and enter class vote. Once entered you will see the statewide voting results.

Extensions:

- Students can research more information about the historical figures mentioned in the grade level TEKS.
- Turn voting into math lesson and discuss percentages in class vote and statewide vote.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM! VOTE FOR ME!

1st President of United States _____

Helped U.S. become an independent nation _____

Citizens have a duty to serve their country _____



Scientist & inventor _____

Helped negotiate treaties _____

Signed three major U.S. documents _____

Equal rights for women _____

Failure is impossible _____

1st woman to appear on dollar coin _____



1st Author of Declaration of Independence _____

1st Secretary of State of the United States _____

3rd President of the United States _____

Proclaimed slaves forever free _____

16th President of United States _____

Telling the truth is important _____

First to sign Declaration of Independence _____

1st Governor of Massachusetts _____

Known for patriotism _____