

Grade
Middle School/
High School

The Three Branches of Kansas Government

Time
approximately
30 minutes

Overview

This Nearpod.com lesson can be teacher led or self-paced for students. It examines the three branches of government in the state of Kansas: the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch. Students will be informed of the duties of each branch, the source of their power, how individuals are chosen to serve in one of the branches, and where they are located.

Standards

KHGSS Standards (2020)

Standard 3: Societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.

Benchmark 3.1: The student will recognize and evaluate how societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.

ELA Reading Standards (2017)

RL.7.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

ELA Writing Standards (2017)

W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

Objectives

Content

1. The students will identify the three branches of Kansas government.
2. The students will identify the different roles, duties, and responsibilities of each branch.

Skills

1. The students will be able to summarize and explain why the three branches of Kansas government separate their powers.

Essential Questions

1. What are the three branches of government in Kansas?
2. What are the different roles, duties, and responsibilities of each branch of government?
3. Why do the three branches of government separate their powers?

Assessments

The Nearpod lessons utilizes fill in the blank formative assessments throughout the lesson to reinforce key concepts. As a summative assessment, students will be asked to answer the essential questions in a one to three paragraph essay.