**Second Grade**

**Key Concept 5:**

**People Who Changed History Lesson**

**Overview:**

This is an interactive technology-integrated lesson plan on introducing third graders to the Constitution. The lesson is best done with a set of computers for the classroom or at least every pair but would also be easy to do with a teacher computer and projector screen. It includes an online matching game as well as a student worksheet.

**Materials Needed:**

* Teacher computer and Projector
* Class set of computers (if possible, not necessary)
* Class set of scissors
* Class set of glue sticks
* Student worksheet

**Key Vocabulary:**

Constitution

George Washington

Philadelphia

Liberty Hall

John Adams

Benjamin Franklin

Laws

Supreme Court

Congress

Executive

**Objectives:**

C.1.2.1 Identify founding documents of the United States

C.1.2.2 Describe roles and responsibilities of people in authority in local communities

C.2.2.1 Explain the significance of state and national symbols, patriotic songs, and mottos

H.12.2.5 Explain historical symbols and landmarks and the people and events associated with them

**Instructions:**

1. Visit this website and click on the 2nd-3rd grade tab: <http://www.k12.com/constitution-day.html>
2. Walk through the 6 slides with your students, popcorn reading out loud around the room.
3. Play the Constitution matching game as a class or in pairs if you have a class set of computers.
4. Have students show what they learned with the worksheet attached (you need to print this piece, it is not a digital worksheet!)

U.S. Branches of Government

The U.S. Constitution sets up three branches of government. Each branch is responsible for certain tasks. The legislative branch is the **Congress**. The main job of Congress is to **make laws**. The **president** is the head of the executive branch, which **carries out laws** that Congress makes. The **Supreme Court** is the highest court of the judicial branch. The courts **explain what the laws mean**. Directions: Cut apart the words or phrases on the side. Match the words or phrases to the correct branch of government, and then paste them in the boxes below each building.

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Arkansas Branches of Government

The Arkansas Constitution sets up the State Government into three branches. Each branch is responsible for certain tasks, very similar to the U.S. government. The legislative branch is made up of the House of Representatives and the Senate, just like Congress is, but it is simply referred to as the **Legislature**. The main job of the Legislature is to **make laws**. The **Governor** is the head of the executive branch, which **carries out laws** that the legislature makes. The **Supreme Court** is the highest court of the judicial branch in Arkansas. Decisions made in the Arkansas Supreme Court can only be overturned by the United States Supreme Court. The courts **explain what the laws mean**. Directions: Cut apart the words or phrases on the side. Match the words or phrases to the correct branch of government, and then paste them in the boxes below each building.



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