



Lesson Plan: The Trial of Abraham Lincoln

Lesson Activity Steps: This lesson should be divided into 2 class periods per teacher discretion and student need.

Purpose	Teacher	Students
<p>Hook Engage <i>students</i></p> <p>5 minutes</p>	<p>“Can you think of an instance where you might have to break the law to do something right?”</p> <p>Explain to students the concept of impeachment. Ask the students what would have happened if Abraham Lincoln had not been assassinated? Explain that they will be performing an impeachment trial of Abraham Lincoln based on witness testimony that they will give from their research papers and their ability to create effective characters.</p>	<p>Attend to a formal introduction.</p> <p>Take notes as needed</p>
<p>Into</p> <p>Review research material for trial.</p> <p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Review the Presidential emergency powers as provided for in the articles of the Constitution</p> <p>Choose prosecution and defense attorneys and pass out student research papers.</p> <p>Hand out Statement of Charges and How to Reach a Verdict to the jurors.</p> <p>Observe and contribute as needed to group progress. (assessment)</p>	<p>Take notes as needed.</p> <p>Students review their characters from the research papers.</p> <p>Attorneys choose their witnesses and prepare for trial.</p> <p>Jurors review the handouts and prepare for trial.</p>

