### Lesson Plan Model<sup>1</sup>

### Lesson Title/#: Branches of the U.S. government

Grade Level: Fifth

# **Learning Central Focus**

Central Focus	For students to gain knowledge of the three branches of the U.S. government and how it works.
What is the central focus for the content in the learning segment?	
Content Standard	Content Standard 2: Participation and Deliberation - Students will analyze civic rights, roles, and
What standard(s) are most relevant to the learning goals?	responsibilities. C.2.5.4 Examine actions of individuals and groups that illustrate civic virtues at the local, state, and national level D2.Civ.6, 8.3-5
Student Learning Goal(s)/ Objective(s)	Students will be able to list the three branches of the U.S. government, name the people involved and their duties, and describe the functions of each branch.
<b>Skills/procedures</b> What are the specific learning goal(s) for student in this lesson?	Students should gain more understanding of how our government works. This will benefit them and prepare them for future classes about government.
Concepts and reasoning/problem solving/thinking/strategies <sup>2</sup> What are the specific learning goal(s) for students in this lesson?	
Prior Academic Knowledge and Conceptions	Students should have some knowledge of the government. They should know we have a president and that we have laws that citizens abide by.
What knowledge, skills, and concepts must students already know to be successful with this lesson?	
What prior knowledge and/or gaps in knowledge do <b>these</b> students have that are necessary to support the learning of the	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The lesson plan template is intended to be used as a **formative** process prior to a candidate's submission of edTPA materials. The template offers an opportunity for candidates to practice documenting their thinking when planning lessons leading up to the learning segment they will teach for edTPA. Lesson plans with this level of detail are not necessary and should not be submitted as part of edTPA. It is intended to prepare candidates to articulate their thinking and justification for plans when responding to the Planning Task commentary prompts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The prompt provided here should be modified to reflect subject specific aspects of learning. Language here is mathematics related. See candidate edTPA handbooks for the "Making Good Choices" resource for subject specific components.

skills and concepts for this lesson?	
Common Errors,	
Developmental	
Approximations,	
Misconceptions, Partial	
Understandings, or	
Misunderstandings	
What are common errors or	
misunderstandings of students	
related to the central focus of this	
lesson?	
How will you address them for	
this group of students?	

# **Instructional Strategies and Learning Tasks** Description of what the teacher (you) will be doing and/or what the students will be doing.

Launch 5-10 Minutes How will you start the lesson to engage and motivate students in learning?	I will introduce the students to the branches of the government by asking them what they already know. I will also ask what they want to know about the government. I will record their answers on the white board as they make their comments.
Instruction 20-25 Minutes	I will start by introducing the 3 branches of government and briefly explaining each one. Legislative is made up of Congress. The executive is the President. And the Judicial is the supreme court judges.
What will you do to engage students in developing understanding of the lesson objective(s)?	Then I will play the video <u>The Three Branches of Government House School Rock</u> by ABC for them to view. This takes about 3 minutes. The students will be instructed to take notes if they wish while watching the video because there will be a worksheet to fill out afterwards.
How will you link the new content (skills and concepts)	I will probably elaborate on <i>vetoing.</i> When the President doesn't want a law to pass but congress does. Two-thirds of congress can vote for it and it will pass.
to students' prior academic learning and their	Once the video is over, I will answer any questions they may have about the video.
personal/cultural	I will ask them questions like: How do you feel about the laws we have now? Do you think you have broken any laws?

and community assets?	I will ask them to pick a law they don't like and research it. The students will write down the description and consequences if the law is broken. Then they will write a paragraph on how they could make the law more acceptable.
What will you say and do? What questions will you ask?	
How will you engage students to help them understand the concepts?	
What will students do?	
How will you determine if students are meeting the intended learning objectives?	
Structured	I will pass out the Branches of Government fill-in worksheet (that I created using Inspiration). I will give them about 7-12
Practice and	minutes to fill out and turn in to me.
Application10 Minutes	Branches of the U.S. Government
How will you give students the opportunity to practice so you can provide feedback?	Judicial Logislative
How will students apply what they have learned?	The They are a constant of the second
How will you determine if students are meeting the intended learning objectives?	I will let them know they can add more if they wish but must fill in the slots I have on the sheet.

Closure	I will direct the students back to the white board and what we wrote at the beginning of the assignment. I will ask what
5 Minutes	they learned and compare it to what they already knew and wanted to know.
How will you end the lesson?	
Differentiation/	Whole Class:
Planned	
Support	
How will you provide students access to learning based on individual and group needs?	Groups of students with similar needs:
How will you support students with gaps in the prior knowledge that	Individual students:
is necessary to be successful in this lesson?	Students with IEP's or 504 plans:
	Strategies for responding to common errors and misunderstandings, developmental approximations, misconceptions, partial understandings, and/or misunderstandings:
Student Interactions	I will have the students pair up (or share in front of the class) and share their laws they didn't like and how they would modify them.
How will you structure opportunities for students to work with partners or in groups? What criteria will you use when forming groups?	

What Ifs What might not go as planned and how can you be ready to make adjustment?	The video may not play so I would have a back-up video or teach from the text book. The internet would be down and could teach the whole lesson from text book.
Theoretical Principles and/or Research– Based Best Practices Why are the learning tasks for this lesson appropriate for your students?	
Materials What materials does the teacher need for <b>this lesson?</b> What materials do the students need for <b>this lesson?</b>	<ul> <li>Web Worksheet (created by Inspiration)</li> <li>Projector</li> <li>Computer</li> <li>White board and markers</li> <li><u>The Three Branches of Government House School Rock</u> by ABC</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>pencils</li> </ul>

# Academic Language Demand(s):

What language function do you	
want students to develop in this	
lesson? What must students	
understand in order to be	
intellectually engaged in the	
lesson?	
What content specific terms	
(vocabulary) do students need to	
support learning of the learning	
objective for this lesson	
What specific way(s) will students	
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need to use language (reading, writing, listening and/or speaking) to participate in learning tasks and demonstrate their learning for this lesson?	
What are your students' abilities	
with regard to the oral and written	
language associated with this	
lesson?	
How will you <b>support</b> students so	
they can understand and use the	
language associated with the	
language function and other	
demands in meeting the learning	
objectives of the lesson?	

### **Assessments**:

Describe the tools/procedures that will be used in **this lesson** to monitor students' learning of the lesson objective(s). Attach a copy of the assessment and the evaluation criteria/rubric in the resources section at the end of the lesson plan.

Type of assessment	Description of assessment	Modifications to the assessment so	Evaluation Criteria - What evidence of
(Informal or Formal)		that all students could demonstrate	student learning (related to the learning
(,		their learning.	objectives and central focus) does the
			assessment provide?

What worked? What didn't? For whom?	
Adjustments What instructional changes do you need to make as you prepare for the lesson tomorrow?	
Proposed Changes. If you could teach this lesson again to this group of students what changes would you make to your <b>instruction</b> ?	Whole class: Groups of students: Individual students:
Justification Why will these changes improve student learning? What research/ theory supports these changes?	

# **Resources:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EISWIY9bG8 https://www.education.com/ Attach each assessment and associated evaluation criteria/rubric.