

Sample Grade 5 Social Studies Lesson Plan Using 3 Moments In a Lesson

To support Long-Term English Language Learners
Bold faced words indicate supports embedded within the task.

Standard C14.5.2: Identify the three branches of government (as set forth in the U.S. Constitution).	
PREPARING LEARNERS	
Semantic Map	Dyads create a concept web about the jobs in their community.
Teacher Explanation	Teacher explains how different jobs within the community work together to ensure success, so does our government.
KWL	Groups of four complete KWL chart.
INTERACTING WITH THE TEXT	
Jigsaw Reading Project	<i>See below</i>
Base Groups	Have each member of a Base Group select a letter A, B, or C. These letters designate their Expert Groups which correspond to one of the three branches of government.
Individual Reading	Individuals read one of the three articles using guiding questions graphic organizer .
Expert Group Discussion	In expert group (group reading same article), students discuss reading and agree on answers to guiding question graphic organizer.
Base Group sharing	Students meet in Base Groups, in which each member has become the expert on a different branch of the government. Members exchange answers, so that all may complete the graphic organizer.
Four Corners, modified for three corners	Teacher distributes index card to each student and reads three choices for students to choose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Executive Branch is the most important branch.</i> • <i>The Judicial Branch is the most important branch.</i> • <i>The Legislative Branch is the most important branch.</i> Students record the statement they agree with on one side of the index card. On the back, they record three reasons justifying their decision. Students assemble in the corner of the room that aligns with their choice. Students share at their corner, and then the teacher brings the discussion to the whole group.
EXTENDING UNDERSTANDING	
Listening to Student Voices	Students listen to Idaho William (8 years old) explain the three branches of government. Students complete exit ticket. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JISzZ2mBfWg