

Cohort #2 Debriefing
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Hearing purpose

Assessment of student knowledge

Will look different in classes

Different abilities

Different student personalities/personal experiences

Provides intellectual experiences for all students

Different content

May need to teach how to converse civilly

Teach procedures

Manners

How to teach

Research/resource hurdle (not stopping with Wikipedia)

Research needs to be cited and Wikipedia info needs additional sources

DISCUS

Will need to walk 6th graders through the research

Use the textbook as your first resource

Answer the questions using the textbook first

Format citations as movie credits for middle school

Logistic hurdles for the competition

May need multiple classrooms

Could use your classroom and teacher be the only judges

Could bring in other teachers or different each period

Schools could hold schoolwide competition

Writing

Need to team with ELA teacher

ELA teacher needs to come into the SS classroom

Fits with performance standards for ELA

The alignments are available www.scjmlp.weebly.com

Located under the resource tab ("useful links")

Teamwork: class dynamics change, personal growth of students, college campus experience

Administration buy-in (need a game plan before for principal)

Time

Incorporate into your current class

At the beginning of the year, select lessons or lesson sections for standards

Chunk the reading to fit with your standards

For government, use Unit 1 to model the process

Experts

Reach out to local universities and lawyers to help with preparation and judging

Pre-test

Links will be sent to teachers

Suggestion: student pre-test need to be given ASAP

Can request student scores from Dr. Pamela Owen from Georgetown University

The Competition

Each class is divided into 6 units

Each unit prepares 3 questions

For each question, answer bold and bulleted questions

Students need to understand the units may be connected

Expenses for competition

JMLP grant: some costs maybe offset from the grant

Bus transportation, substitute costs, but not food

Find out your activity bus policy

Lunch during competition is provided

Procedures

Teams have to be a class roster

Minimum number of students 12

Contact Donald if class is smaller

Maximum number of students 40

Contact Donald if class is larger

Questions

Middle school questions are the same every year

High School questions are released late August/early September