Kansas We the People Program
The Citizen and the Constitution

District Coordinators for Kansas will offer training and student textbooks for your entire class.

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We the People…The Citizen and the Constitution is a nationally acclaimed civic education program focusing on the history and principles of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights for upper elementary, middle, and high school students. The program is administered with the assistance of a national network of coordinators in every state and congressional district in the nation.

The **We the People…**curriculum not only enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, it also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The culminating activity of the program is a simulated congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. At the high school level, classes have the opportunity to take part in a national competition at local, state, and national levels.

The results of independent studies reveal that **We the People…**students have knowledge gains that are superior to comparison students. Students also display significantly greater political tolerance and commitment to the principles and values of the Constitution and Bill of Rights than do students using traditional textbooks and approaches.

The Center of Civic Education has established a National Academy and regional network of summer institutes to explore the content and methodology of the **We the People…The Citizen and the Constitution** program for upper elementary, middle, and high school teachers. These institutes and held in universities across the nation.

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