

Teacher: Adam Caragher
Subject: 8th Grade US History

Lesson Time: 60 Minutes
Time period: 1 Period

The New Amendments

Overview: This lesson is intended for 8th Grade United States History class. Paraprofessionals will be available to help with IEP and 504's as needed in inclusion class.

MA Standard: Explain the policies and consequences of Reconstruction.

- A. Presidential and Congressional Reconstruction
- B. The impeachment of President Johnson
- C. The 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments

Objectives: At the end of this lesson the student will be able too...

- Identify the three new Amendments to the Constitution.
- Explain the impeachment of President Johnson
- Identify some of the key changes in the Presidential and Congressional

Activating Prior Knowledge:

It will be assumed that the students have read pages 482-485 of the textbook and already have a basic understanding of the battles between the Executive and Legislative branches of the government.

Materials and Handouts:

Textbook "The American Nation" Prentice Hall pages 482-485
Copies of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments
"Light Bulb" brainstorm worksheet
Computer with internet access
Projection Screen
Paper and Writing Utensil

Lesson:

- Students will come into class and receive a "Light Bulb" brainstorm worksheet of which they will fill out the different steps in the conflict between the President and Congress. (10 minutes)
- Open up discussion about the conflict between the President and Congress. What points did they decide to write down on the brainstorm worksheet? (20 minutes)
- Pull up the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments from <http://www.usconstitution.net/const.html> . Have the students read and then write down what they think the one big point is to each of the three new Amendments. (10 minutes)
- Discuss these new Amendments with the students using the different "keys" that they pulled from the Amendments. (10 minutes)

- Have the students write a short summary of the three new Amendments for homework expressing why they think that these Amendments were essential. (10 minutes)