Social Studies Lesson Plan Template v. 3

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Lesson Title/#: Government Smackdown: Federalism
Grade Level: 11th/12th Grade Government
**Essential Question:** State Government or Federal Government: Who has the power?

**Lesson Foundations**

| Content Standards | Ohio American Government 19 Standard:  
As a framework for the state, the Ohio Constitution complements the federal structure of government in the United States. |
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| **Activity** | CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.11-12.7:  
Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem. |

| Learning Objective(s) | 1. Students will examine the idea of Federalism by looking at Ohio’s Issue 3.  
2. Students will decide which level of government has/should have the ultimate authority over the issue. |
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5. Potential Problems Video Discussion  
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## Materials

**Teacher**
- Projector
- PowerPoint
- Paper/Pencils
- Is It Legal Activity Sheet (30 copies)
- Discussion Organizer (30 copies)
- Exit Ticket Slips

**Resources**

**Students**
- Paper/Pencils

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## Instructional Procedures/Steps

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<td>Arrange desks in groups of five</td>
<td>Students will retrieve laptops from the cart and pull up the <em>Origins</em> article <a href="https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/december-2013-celebrating-repeal-drink-not-joint">https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/december-2013-celebrating-repeal-drink-not-joint</a></td>
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2) Origins Article Refresher (4 mins)
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  - Or have paper copies ready for students
- Explain Directions
  - Students have three minutes to review the article that they were supposed to read the night before
- Give students three minutes to read the article
- Assist students who are struggling to pull up the article online

3) Origins Article Discussion (14 mins)
- Explain Directions
  - Take six minutes to discuss the following questions
    - What does the author say people are really celebrating on Repeal Day?
    - Why is this important?
- Check in with groups as they are discussing questions
- Extension/Clarifying Questions
  - Why does the author believe state
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| 64 Minutes  | 1) Transition to Instruction (1 min)  
- You are exactly right. The earlier battle between state and federal governments over the regulation of alcohol is very similar to the current battle over marijuana regulation, which is what we are going to be analyzing today.  
2) Overview of Issue 3 (10 mins)  
  https://ballotpedia.org/Ohio_Marijuana_Legalization_Initiative,_Issue_3_%282015%29 on their laptops  
- Explain Main Points of Issue 3 with corresponding PowerPoint slides  
- Allow students to explore the website for five minutes in their groups | **Social Studies Student Teaching**  
**Reserved Power**  
- Not mentioned in the Constitution so it should be a state power  
- Is conflict between state/national government good or bad? Why or why not?  
  - Bad  
    - Leads to confusion among the people  
  - Good  
    - Conflict leads to better compromises  |  
- Students will respond to the teacher's Extension/Clarifying Questions  
- Why does the author believe state governments should have this power?  
  - Reserved Power  
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  https://ballotpedia.org/Ohio_Marijuana_Legalization_Initiative,_Issue_3_%282015%29 on their laptops  
- Students will listen and take notes in their discussion organizer  
- Students will explore the website for five minutes in their groups  
  - Students will find at least 3 interesting facts |
3) Is It Legal Activity (10 mins)
- Ask students to pull out their Is It Legal Activity Sheets
- Explain Directions
  - Work in your groups to figure out whether the actions listed on the sheet would be legal under Issue 3 (state law) and/or federal law
  - After you have finished with the five actions, answer the short response question at the bottom of the page
  - You have 10 minutes to complete the activity
- Check in with groups as they work

4) Is It Legal Review (15 mins)
- Listen to directions and ask questions as needed
  - Each group will present their answer to an action and explain why they chose the answer they did
  - Facilitate Is It Legal review
  - Correct incorrect answers and explain why the correct answer is correct
  - Facilitate class discussion of short answer responses
    - Ask short answer questions: What common themes do you notice?
    - How can state law contradict federal law?
- Students will answer/discuss the following question
  - How can state law contradict federal law?
  - State governments and the federal government have distinct powers

5) What’s The Point? (8 mins)
- Transition
  - Exactly. In the United States, power is...
split between state governments and the federal government. This is called federalism.

- What are some potential problems with federalism?

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<td>- Transition. These are all some potential problems with federalism. Now, we are going to watch a video that shows how some of these potential problems play out in real life through the marijuana regulation example we have been discussing.</td>
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<td>- Show discussion questions for after the video</td>
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- What are some potential problems with federalism?
  - Contradicting laws
  - Confusion for citizens
  - Power conflicts between state governments and federal government
  - Expensive legal battles

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  - Listen to directions and ask questions as needed |
  - Students will discuss the following questions in their groups |
    - What is the contradiction? |
    - California law permits the man to sell marijuana |
    - Federal law prohibits the sale of marijuana |
    - Which law is supreme and why? |
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1. Ideas for class discussion:

- Is violating the federal law?
  - Facilitate class discussion of the last question
    - Is this fair? Why or why not? Support your answer with evidence from the Is It Legal activity and video.

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Activities:

- **Supremacy Clause**: What are the consequences for violating the federal law?
  - Federal Prison
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your groups I want you to discuss whether federalism can actually work and whether it is working in the United States today. Use examples from the Is It Legal Activity and video.

- Check in with groups and ensure they are staying on task
- Ask clarifying questions
  - Why do you think Federalism can work?
  - Can you provide me with an example to support your opinion?

2. Exit Slip (4 mins)
- Explain Directions
  - Now that you have had time to discuss the question in your groups, I want you to write down what you believe about Federalism by answering the following question.
    - Does Federalism work or does the United States need a new system of government? Why or why not? Defend your answer with evidence from the Origins article and video.
- Collect Exit Ticket slips on students’ way out of the classroom

United States today. The will use examples from the Is It Legal Activity and video.

- Federalism Can Work
  - With clear separation of powers
  - Courts need to recognize/protect power of the states
- Federalism Can’t Work
  - Federal government will always be power hungry and try to intrude on state powers
  - Courts do not do enough to protect the powers of the states against federal government

2. Exit Slip (4 mins)
- Listen to directions/ask questions as needed
- Students will write down what they personally believe about Federalism by answering the following question.
  - Does Federalism work or does the United States need a new system of government? Why or why not? Defend your answer with evidence from the Origins article and video.
    - Federalism works
      - Needs improvement, but overall the system works
      - Has been working for over 200 years
      - Conflict between state and federal governments are bound to happen, but great compromises can be made
      - States need the ability to create laws that cater to the unique needs of their people/region
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- Federalism does not work
  - Too confusing
  - Federal government too powerful for state governments to work effectively
  - Federal government is better than state governments
- Students will turn in Exit Ticket slips on their way out of the classroom