

FLORIDA'S DECLARATION OF RIGHTS



LESSON SUMMARY

BENCHMARK
SS.3.CG.2.5 <i>Recognize symbols, individuals, documents and events that represent the State of Florida.</i>
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Students will recognize the Great Seal of the State of Florida as a symbol that represents the state.■ Students will recognize William Pope Duval, William Dunn Moseley and Josiah T. Walls as individuals who represent Florida.■ Students will identify the Declaration of Rights in the Florida Constitution as a document that represents Florida.■ Students will recognize that Florida became the 27th state of the United States on March 3, 1845.
CORRELATED FLORIDA STANDARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ELA.3.F.1.3: <i>Use knowledge of grade-level phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words.</i>■ ELA.3.F.1.3: <i>Use knowledge of grade-level phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words.</i>■ ELA.3.R.3.2: <i>Summarize a text to enhance comprehension.</i>■ ELA.3.C.4.1: <i>Conduct research to answer a question, organizing information about the topic from multiple sources.</i>
ESSENTIAL QUESTION
What is the Declaration of Rights in the Florida Constitution?
VOCABULARY
amendment, declaration, rights
MATERIALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Florida's Declaration of Rights slides■ Florida's Declaration of Rights exit slip (3 per sheet), piece of paper, or sticky note

ACTIVITY SEQUENCE

INTRODUCTION/HOOK	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Project slide #1 of “Florida’s Declaration of Rights” slides.2. Pose the following questions for discussion: What are your rights as a student? (treated with respect, safe learning environment, etc.) What are your rights as a citizen? (life, liberty, happiness, free speech, free press, vote, etc.)3. Move to slide 2 and pose the following question for discussion: What protects our rights? (U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, laws, the government, etc.)	
ACTIVITY	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Remind students that Florida also has a constitution which maps out our state government and contains the rules/laws for the state of Florida. Our state constitution also includes a section outlining citizen’s rights, called the Declaration of Rights (slide #3).5. Share the definition of declaration (slide #4) as an announcement or making something known. The Declaration of Rights is making known all the rights protected by the Florida Constitution.6. Use slide #5 to review the similarities and differences between the Bill of Rights and Florida’s Declaration of Rights.7. Display Article 1 Section 2 of the Florida Declaration of Rights from Florida’s Constitution (slide #6). Read the section to the students and pose the following question for discussion: What rights does this section protect? (life, liberty, happiness, paid for your work, owning a home) Who has these rights? (all citizens living in Florida)	
CLOSURE/FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Pass out the “Florida’s Declaration of Rights” exit slip, a blank piece of paper, or a sticky note. Have students respond to the following question to demonstrate identification of the Declaration of Rights: What is the Declaration of Rights?	
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES	
FJCC/LFI Website Supporting Florida State Statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Florida State Statute 1003.42: Required Instruction	
ANSWER KEYS	
Sample exit slip responses (language/vocabulary may be different, but concepts should be aligned to one or more of those listed below): <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Declaration of Rights is part of Florida’s Constitution.■ The Declaration of Rights protects Florida citizen’s rights.	

- The Declaration of Rights is similar to the Bill of Rights, but for Florida's Constitution.
- The Declaration of Rights declares freedoms for Florida citizens.

SOURCES

Florida's Constitution: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?submenu=3>