

UNIT 6: THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

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IMPLEMENTATION METHODS & APPLIED ACTIVITIES:**Suggested Activities**

- "The School Search" activity
- "Vulgar Speech in Schools" activity
- Oral Arguments lesson and prep
- Law Week Activities – Annette Pitts
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* novel study
- The Florida Courts and the Judiciary – A Constitutional Scavenger Hunt
- Graphic Organizers for Federal and State court systems

Simulations

- Scripted Mock Trial: *State v Jamie L. Potter*
- *Courtroom to the Classroom* program -4 or 10 day curriculum provided -allows for mock trial; guest speaker and field trip to Leon District courthouse; all activities & PowerPoint are prepared for you.
- District Court of Appeals mock oral arguments
- Florida Supreme Court mock oral arguments field trip.
- *Jr. Scholastic* "You be the Jury" activities

Discussion topics

- Case Studies
- Current events (American Bar Association)

Guest Speakers

- Juvenile Detention Center: Teen Court; law students, local attorneys, judges, law enforcement officers
- women, Hispanic and African-American lawyers and judges – have them speak on participation in and contributions to the US Legal system
- Courtroom to the Classroom guest speakers

Videos

- 12 Angry Men – read the play or watch the movie and analyze