



Teacher-to-Teacher

Lesson Two examines the Constitution as the foundation of our government. The introductory Read Aloud, *A More Perfect Union*, provides the historical background leading to the development of the Constitution while the interview with Judge Rendell underscores its uniqueness and application to present day. Students have the opportunity to experience the difficulty in interpreting a law when they must consider possible exceptions to an existing law.

The activities below are designed to give the students an appreciation of how our government was formed through representation, discussion, deliberation, and compromise. They also provide an understanding of the parts of our government and how each part, working together, has guided our country for over 200 years.

- The *Sticky Situation* and *Student Voices Bulletin Board* give students the opportunity to strengthen problem solving skills and build student voice with discussion and deliberation.
- *Branches of Government PowerPoint and Flip Book* outline the parts of the federal government and the duties and responsibilities of each.
- The *Literacy Link* book and bookmark provide activities and discussion questions that extend the lesson. *No Animals in the Library* activity allows students to interpret a law and apply it to certain instances.