



Leadership

Becoming a Citizen Educator (Revision date 1-12-2013)

A "Citizen Educator" is one who is capable of teaching our Constitution and U.S. History leading up to the signing of this most exceptional document in the history of the world.

In order to get an "in" to the schools, it helps to have a good relationship with the teacher, principal and/or the superintendent. If you don't have a relationship, start to build one. If you don't have children in school, you may have grandkids. I've had the privilege of having to pick the kids up from school, go to special school functions and chat with their teachers. It's really not that hard to do.

One of our members has a daughter who teaches 5th grade and he goes every week to teach these kids. There are open doors, you just may have to search for the light peeking through the crack.

Educate Yourself First

- The National Center for Constitutional Studies (nccs.net) has all the study material you will need. Their series on Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin is a must.
 - Heritage Foundation and Wall Builders are great sources also. Keep your ears open there are many patriotic organizations beginning to produce the material you will need to be a knowledgeable teacher.
 - Hillsdale College has a tremendous Constitutional Studies Course available on line.
- The course material offered by NCCS, "Making of America Seminar" is what I find the easiest to use. It comes with a student workbook and I also include a pocket Constitution. It will cost you about \$5.00 per student. What an investment in our future!
 - Emphasize the importance of using their workbooks for future classes. This course is best suited to 16 yrs. and up but I have been teaching 5th graders.
- When teaching kids make sure you make it fun and interactive. They need to be able to be involved. They are easily bored.
- Now that you have the knowledge who are you going to teach? I'm teaching 5th grade in a public school.
 - I go every Wednesday for one hour.
 - Take what you can get however.
 - You may have to ask more than once before you get an affirmative response.
- Other youth groups that will be receptive are:
 - Boy Scouts
 - Private schools
 - Home schools
 - Church youth groups.

Use your imagination and put yourself out there. Be BOLD - this is a great cause. Our future lies with our youth. It is our responsibility to ensure they have an understanding of their Constitutional rights.