

LESSON 9

Before and After the Summit

Objective: Prepare for Youth Summit and report back afterward.

Handouts: (1) Student-Delegate Duties at the Youth Summit; (2) Student-Delegate Application Form; (3) Post-Summit Survey - MANDATORY

A. Daily warm-up and current events alert!

Check National Constitution Center's website for relevant and timely current event news alerts. www.constitutioncenter.org.

Regarding the Class Hearing, what surprised you?

B. Before the Summit - Preparation

During the morning hearings portion of the Summit, individual students should be ready to ask the witnesses (invited speakers) questions like those asked in their class hearings or similar questions ...

What is important in choosing and confirming a Supreme Court Justice?

What question would I ask if I were a Senator on the Judiciary Committee?

What is the role of citizen (or special interest group)?

Youth Summit Delegate Duties, Handout 1, and a Draft Program (to be provided) will help students understand how the Summit will work.

At the Summit day afternoon townhall, student-delegates may make a statement or ask a question of the panel. The panel will include representatives of the Sen. Wyden's and Sen. Smith's offices and Oregon judges. Student's remarks to the panel may be up to 1 minute in length (no longer!) and include the message they want their Senators to hear about the selection of the next Supreme Court justice. Comments could encompass a burning issue of the student or the class, reflect information they learned in the morning hearings, or other similar/relevant comments.

Selecting the Student-Delegates

Mixer: encourage other students to lobby on behalf of those they think would be good delegates. (5-10 min.)

Students use Application Form, Handout 2, to explain why they would be a good choice.

Confidential balloting.

Announce delegates. (*Teachers:* remember permission slips!)

C. After the Summit - Reporting Back

Classroom students

Students present their cartoons, song, quotes, or other work (see Lesson 10) to the class.

Summit Debrief

Youth Summit delegates share impressions of the Summit. They will include new information that they learned and individual responses to the questions they posed.

Post-Summit Survey

*Teacher note: MANDATORY last thing: conduct post-summit survey (Lesson 1 handout) and send results to CLP. We would love to read what they have to say to the question above -- please send us *a select few!**

D. Extended Activities

Homework / Journal Entry

Concerns I would like to have addressed by the experts at the Youth Summit include ...