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Unit Overview

In this Unit students will explore the federal court system and the court system of the State of New Jersey. Students will analyze and comprehend the different levels of courts in each system and each courts jurisdiction. Students will discover the numerous career paths that go through the court system. Students will learn about alternate forms of dispute resolution for both civil and criminal cases.

Enduring Understanding

Students will comprehend the difference between federal and state court systems and recognize the jurisdictional differences. Students will identify the structure of the state and federal court systems and know where to go to resolve various types of legal issues. Students will be aware that all legal disputes do not have to go to court and can be resolved through methods of alternate dis[ute resolution such as arbitration or mediation. Students will recognize the power of the local municipal court and not be intimidated by the court system. Students will appreciate the career possibilities available within the court system.

Essential Questions

- What are the essential differences between the federal court system and the court system of the state of New Jersey?
- What are the duties and respomsibilities of the trial courts in the state and federal systems?
- What are the duties and respomsibilities of the appellate courts in the state and federal systems?
- What is the function of the Belleville Municipal Court and how are judges selected?
- What are career opportunities within the court system?
- What are options to avoid litigating legal disputes?

Exit Skills

By the end of Unit 3, the student should be able to:

- Identify and define different levels of federal and state courts.
- Recognize jurisdictional limits of state and federal courts.
- Identify Belleville Municipal Court judges.
- Comprehend the role of various court personnel.
- Identify and define methods of alternate dispute resolution such as arbitration and mediation.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)

9.3.LW	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
9.3.LW.1	Analyze the nature and scope of the Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Career Cluster and the role law, public safety, corrections and security play in society and the economy.

9.3.LW.2	Formulate ideas, proposals and solutions to ensure effective and efficient delivery of law, public safety, corrections and/or security services.
9.3.LW.5	Analyze the various laws, ordinances, regulations and organizational rules that apply to careers in law, public safety, corrections and security.
9.3.LW-LEG	Legal Services
9.3.LW-LEG.1	Demonstrate effective communication skills (e.g., writing, speaking, listening and nonverbal communication) in the legal services environment.
9.3.LW-LEG.2	Interpret nonverbal communication cues in order to discern facts from fabrication.
9.3.LW-LEG.3	Produce written legal materials using writing strategies applicable to the legal services environment.
9.3.LW-LEG.4	Apply information technology tools to perform daily tasks assigned to legal services professionals.
9.3.LW-LEG.5	Analyze the role forensics plays in preventing and solving crimes.
9.3.LW-LEG.6	Use legal terminology to communicate within the legal services community.
9.3.LW-LEG.7	Compare and contrast different career fields in the legal services.
9.3.LW-LEG.8	Analyze the influence of the three branches of the U.S. Government (judicial, legislative and executive) on the legal services.
9.3.LW-LEG.9	Analyze the impact of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments on the provision of legal services.

Interdisciplinary Connections

LA.RL.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
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LA.RI.11-12.2	Determine two or more central ideas of a text, and analyze their development and how they interact to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.
LA.RI.11-12.3	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
LA.RI.11-12.5	Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses in his or her exposition or argument, including whether the structure makes points clear, convincing, and engaging.
LA.RI.11-12.7	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.
LA.RI.11-12.8	Describe and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. and global texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning (e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court majority opinions and dissents) and the premises, purposes, and arguments in

	works of public advocacy (e.g., The Federalist, presidential addresses).
LA.RI.11-12.9	Analyze and reflect on (e.g., practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) documents of historical and literary significance for their themes, purposes and rhetorical features, including primary source documents relevant to U.S. and/or global history.
LA.W.11-12.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
LA.W.11-12.1.A	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
LA.W.11-12.1.B	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims avoiding common logical fallacies and using sound reasoning and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
LA.W.11-12.2.A	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
LA.W.11-12.2.F	Provide a concluding paragraph or section that supports the argument presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
LA.W.11-12.3.D	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
LA.W.11-12.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

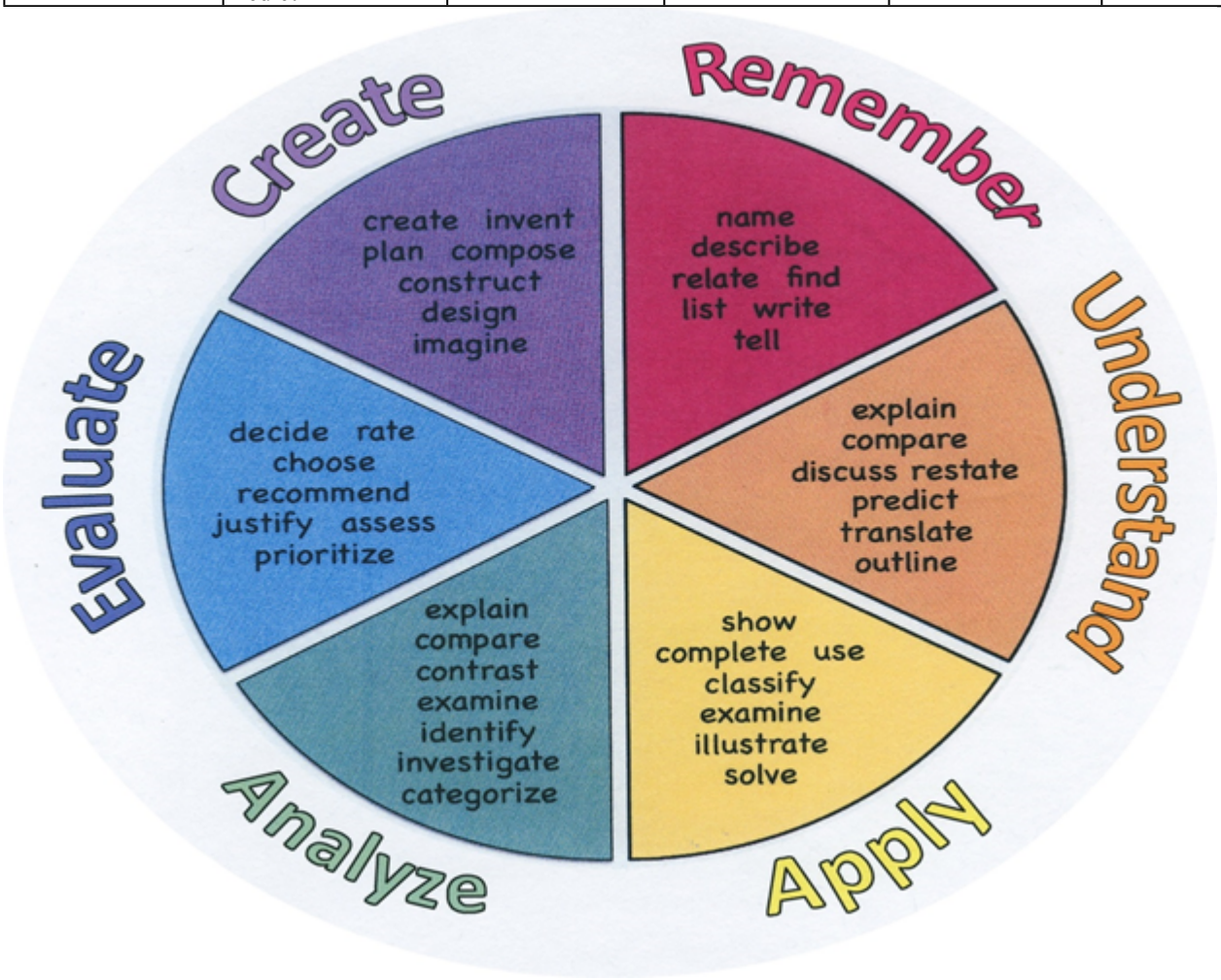
Learning Objectives

- Compare and contrast the federal court system and the court system of the State of New Jersey.
- Identify and define different levels of federal and state courts.
- Diagram the federal court system and the court system of the State of New Jersey.
- Explain jurisdictional limits of state and federal courts.
- Identify Belleville Municipal Court judges.
- Assess the role of various court personnel and individuals working within the court system.
- Identify and define arbitration and mediation as methods of alternate dispute resolution.

Action Verbs: Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play

Draw Outline Point Quote Recall Recognize Repeat Reproduce	Paraphrase Represent Restate Rewrite Select Show Summarize Tell Translate Associate Compute Convert Discuss Estimate Extrapolate Generalize Predict	Add Calculate Change Classify Complete Compute Discover Divide Examine Graph Interpolate Manipulate Modify Operate Subtract	Detect Diagram Discriminate Illustrate Outline Point out Separate	Rate Support Test	Drive Devise Generate Integrate Prescribe Propose Reconstruct Revise Rewrite Transform



Suggested Activities & Best Practices

- Reading and outlining text
- Teacher oriented class discussion
- Use of PowerPoint to reinforce outlines
- Reaction Papers
- Team debate
- Answering questions
- Vocabulary
- Analyze Real Cases

Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)

- Students will create outlines that will be reviewed and revised based on PowerPoint Presentation and class discussion-alternate assessment
- Checklists and Google Classroom will be used to review student work for comprehension and understanding
- Reviewing Reaction Papers and observation during ensuing class discussion
- Unit test-summative assessment
- Admit/Exit tickets-formative assessment
- Create a Multimedia poster-benchmark assessment

- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline

- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

Primary Resources & Materials

- Internet
- Lap-tops
- E-Learning platform (Google Classroom)

Ancillary Resources

- Legal research accessed through the use of the internet.
- BHS Courtroom
- BHS Law Library

Technology Infusion

- Internet research on alternatives to litigation
- PowerPoint presentations used for lesson delivery
- Smart T.V.
- Chromebooks

- E-Learning Platform (Google Classroom)
- Video/Audio equipment for recording and reviewing courtroom presentations



Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology

Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP3	Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.1	Review career goals and determine steps necessary for attainment.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.2	Modify Personalized Student Learning Plans to support declared career goals.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.3	Identify transferable career skills and design alternate career plans.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.5	Research career opportunities in the United States and abroad that require knowledge of world languages and diverse cultures.
TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.

TECH.8.1.12.A.3	Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems.
TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.

21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes

- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

21st Century Skills

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness

Differentiation

- Students will be given additional time for completion of assignments or assessments
- Cooperative grouping to enhance and elevate student productivity during legal research projects such as mock trials
- Use of visual and auditory presentations (i.e. PowerPoint, video clips, pictures) to introduce and support lesson delivery

Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks

- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

Lo-Prep Differentiations

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts

- Varied supplemental materials

Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

- Students will work in cooperative groups to prepare Unit outline
- Students will use Unit outline to complete Unit assignments and assessments
- Students will work cooperatively to resolve legal disputes using Legal Reasoning problem solving skills

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

English Language Learning (ELL)

- Students will work with a peer tutor on Unit assignments and assessments
- Assignments will be modified to enable students to focus on selected objectives such as legal vocabulary by providing a glossary
- Students and teacher will use translation apps to enable students to focus on selected objectives such as legal vocabulary

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarif
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

At Risk

- Students will be provided with Unit PowerPoint study guide
- Students will be allowed to use study guide/outline on Unit assessments
- Alternate assessments will be used such as Reaction Papers focusing on current events

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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of workpresented or required

- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)

- Students will use Legal Reasoning problem solving skills to resolve legal disputes
- Students will work in groups to represent each side of legal dispute and present arguments to student jurors
- Students will identify a current legal issue and present the issue and arguments on class web page for other students to participate in a threaded discussion

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

Sample Lesson

Unit Name:
Unit 3 The Court System and Alternatives to Litigation

CCSS/NJCCCS:
See Link Below

Interdisciplinary Connection:
Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Reading- Informative text/vocabulary

Writing-analysis/evaluation

Statement of Objective:
SWBAT explain difference between trial courts and appellate courts and describe the duties and responsibilities of both types of courts **by** reading and outlining Ch 5A and answering Ch 5A Case Study Disscussion Questions

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:
Please read Unit 3 Case Study "Alibi to a Murder"

Learning Activity:
T/O class discussion/PowerPoint; Answer TALC questions.

Student Assessment/CFU's:
See Link Below

Materials:
Textbook
Internet
PowerPoint
Lap-Tops

21st Century Themes and Skills:
See Link Below

Differentiation:
See Link Below

Integration of Technology:
PowerPoint
Internet
Class Webpage