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*Partnering with Teachers to  
Bring Citizenship to Life*

Ohio Center for Law-Related Education &  
Center for Civic Education presents...

***We the People: The Citizen & The Constitution***

2011-2012 ELEMENTARY SHOWCASE QUESTIONS

UNIT 1 –

Which did the Founders think was more important: the common good or individual rights? Does our government still serve the purposes that the Framers intended?

UNIT 2 –

Do you agree with the Framers' decision to keep the proceedings of the Philadelphia Convention a secret? Why or why not? Was the group that assembled at the Philadelphia Convention a fair representation of the people? Why or why not?

UNIT 3 –

How did the Framers use separation of powers and checks and balances to limit the powers of government? Do you think that Congress should have the power to pass a bill over the president's veto? Do you think the Supreme Court should have the power to declare a law passed by Congress unconstitutional? Why or why not?

UNIT 4 –

What is freedom of expression and why is it important to our democracy? How has the idea of "equal protection of the laws" been used to protect people's rights? Give examples.

UNIT 5 –

Do you think every citizen should be required to participate in his or her government? If so, how? As a citizen of a democracy, do we have a responsibility to other nations of the world? Why or why not?