

OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION LAW DAY 2014

Contest Deadline
Dec. 21, 2013

Oklahoma Bar Association
Law Day 2014



- C3 Standards Aligned Writing Contests
- Free Form Art Contests
- Pre-K - 12
- \$500 Grand Prize
- Cash Prizes

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LESSON 1:

WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

We hear the word democracy all the time, but what does it mean to you? What do you think of when you hear that word? The word itself comes from the Greek language and literally means "rule of the people."

In the United States, we vote for the people we want to make laws that Americans must follow. Voting is a right and responsibility Americans have that is protected by the United States Constitution, the most important document in American history that is the basis for all laws.

Once laws are made, everyone must follow them. If a person breaks the law, what happens? They often go to court, which is also a right of American citizens. A person has a right to tell their side of the story and to have an expert in law, a lawyer, represent them in court.

Lawyers and courts do many other things in a democracy, including making sure laws don't violate the rights of Americans.

Overall, a democracy allows people to have a say in their government and to maintain their rights as American citizens.

ACTIVITIES:

- Have a discussion about people's role in a democratic society. Have students consider and write or discuss the role social media and the Internet now play in a democratic society.
- Have a discussion about the student government at your school. How did it feel to vote in that election? What responsibilities come with voting for your student leaders?

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Law day is the annual celebration of the importance of law and the legal process. First conceived by Wewoka attorney Hicks Epton, Law Day was formally recognized by President Eisenhower in a 1958 presidential proclamation.

TEACHERS:

Take advantage of the Law Day writing and art contests for students
Pre-K - 12th grade! The submission deadline is Dec. 21, 2013.

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