

Liberty Curriculum – Week 2: A Free People Cannot Be Ignorant and Free

Grade Level:

5th–6th

Duration:

45 minutes

Principle:

A Free People Cannot Be Ignorant and Free.

Objectives:

- Understand the link between education and freedom
- Discuss why knowledge is essential for self-government

Materials:

- Whiteboard or poster board
- Markers or crayons
- Liberty Pals visual (Flora the Butterfly representing freedom)

Warm-Up (5 min):

Ask: 'What happens when people don't know how laws or voting work?'

Mini Lesson (10 min):

Explain that in a republic, citizens must learn about their government to keep it free.

Use examples like:

- Voting wisely
- Knowing your rights

Group Activity (15 min):

Draw a 'Tree of Knowledge' with roots labeled 'Reading,' 'History,' 'Responsibility.'

Students add leaves with ideas of things people should learn to stay free.

Discussion (10 min):

Why do you think some people stop learning about government?

What happens when people give up their voice?

Exit Ticket (5 min):

Write one thing you want to learn this year that will help you be a more responsible citizen.