

## EL/Civics Lesson Plan

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Date(s) Used	June 2012
Civics Category	III. U.S. History and Government and Citizenship Preparation
Civics Objective	2. Government and Law-Identify people and events in local, state and/or federal history
Time Frame to Complete Lesson	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
EFL(s)	Levels 2 and 3
Standard(s)	To read with understanding To convey ideas in writing
Benchmark(s)	L2.1 L2.1,L2.5,L3.1,L3.4,L3.5,R2.2,R2.4,R2.5,R3.2,R3.4,R3.5,S2.1,S2.3,S2.4,S2.5,S3.1,S3.3,S3.4,W2.1,W2.4,W3.2,W3.3,W3.4,W3.5,W3.6
Materials	<a href="http://www.elcivics.com">www.elcivics.com</a> Fourth of July Reading, Worksheet, Word Search
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce vocabulary words</li> <li>2. Read story about Independence Day</li> <li>3. Worksheet-Answer true/false questions, complete the sentences, correct the sentences</li> <li>4. Go over answers with class.</li> <li>5. Word Search using vocabulary words</li> </ol>
Assessment/Evidence	Teacher observation of students' comprehension based on responses to questions on worksheet
Reflection	The students liked this lesson. They enjoy learning about U.S. history. They were very interested in this topic and asked a lot of questions.

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Independence Day in the United States is July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a federal holiday. Schools, banks, post offices, and government offices are closed on the Fourth of July. The Fourth of July is one of our most important national holidays because it celebrates America's independence from England. Americans declared independence from England on July 4, 1776. Thomas Jefferson was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence. (3 pages)



- Independence Day is on July 4th.
- It is also called the Fourth of July.

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- Independence Day is an important day because it is the day the American colonies declared their independence from Britain.



- Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- He became the third president of the United States.

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- There are parades on the Fourth of July in many cities.



- Hot dogs and hamburger are popular foods on the Fourth of July.
- Many people barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers in backyards.

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- This is a fireworks stand.
- People buy fireworks for the Fourth of July.
- It is not legal to use fireworks in some cities.



- These people are watching fireworks.
- Happy Fourth of July!

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A. Circle true or false after each sentence.

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. July 4 <sup>th</sup> is Independence Day in the United States. | True | False |
| 2. Banks and post offices are open on July 4 <sup>th</sup> .      | True | False |
| 3. George Washington wrote the Declaration of Independence.       | True | False |
| 4. People watch fireworks on July 4 <sup>th</sup> .               | True | False |
| 5. Fireworks are not legal in some cities.                        | True | False |

B. Choose one of the following words to complete each sentence.

Independence Day                      fireworks    parades  
Declaration of Independence    cities

1. Many people watch \_\_\_\_\_ on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Thomas Jefferson wrote the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Fireworks are not legal in many \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. Many cities have \_\_\_\_\_ on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

C. Put the words in the correct order. Write them on the lines.

1. on/July 4<sup>th</sup>/is/Independence Day

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Declaration of Independence/wrote/Thomas Jefferson/the

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. fireworks/watch/July 4<sup>th</sup>/Many people/on

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. some cities/use fireworks/in/not legal/It is/to

\_\_\_\_\_.

# Independence Day Word Search

BLUE  
CONGRESS  
ENGLAND  
FIREWORKS  
FLAG  
FREEDOM  
JULY  
LIBERTY  
PARADE  
RED  
STATES  
TAXES  
UNITED  
WAR  
WHITE

U R L W Z T O G B T  
N G U A K I N G S P  
I M K R S E T A T S  
T A X E S W Y L U J  
E M O D E E R F M I  
D F Y T R E B I L L  
A W E N G L A N D U  
R L L Z N W H I T E  
A S K R O W E R I F  
P J R U C Q L N L B  
L Y I R M G O S C U