

# INTERPRETING THE LAW

scenarios

We teach that judges *interpret the law*... but what does that mean?

Use this fun activity kit to have students *role-playing* the job of a local judge tasked with deciding who exactly violated a new city ordinance banning vehicles on Main Street

## 3-PART SIMULATION KIT INCLUDES

- ✓ **Pre-Simulation Discussion Questions:** to prepare, like a judge would, by considering the balance of *common good vs. individual rights* and the *context and intentions* of the law
- ✓ **7 Scenarios Station Cards:** for students to analyze and decide if seven different people violated the city ordinance or not
- ✓ **Case Analysis Presentation:** students work in small groups to select one more law to analyze using the same questioning and critical thinking processes and present their conclusion (4 additional laws included)
- ✓ **Teacher Supports:** Step-by-step detailed lesson plans and options for implementing materials to meet your classroom needs best

**PRINT PDF & EDITABLE DIGITAL INCLUDED**



# PRACTICE CRITICAL THINKING *skills*

Students work together to learn out loud in this collaborative simulation & bonus project

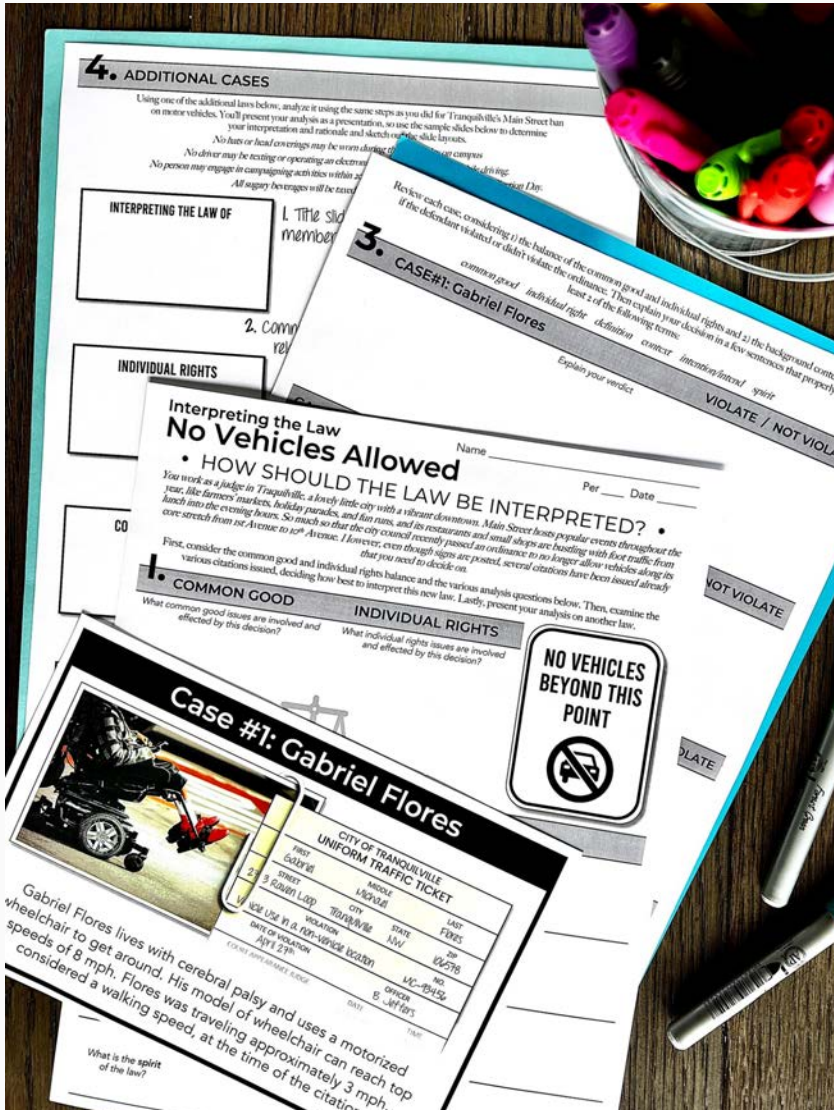
## SUPPORTS INCLUDES

**Pre-simulation questions** equip all students to be ready to knowledgeablely discuss each scenario, weighing all sides before deciding

**Easy-to-follow graphic organizer notes** for students to complete their task self-sufficiently

**Visual-heavy scenario cards** to assist in reading comprehension

**Presentation outline & starter slides** for students to jump right into storyboarding and crafting their analysis on an additional law



# FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

## Will this work for middle school?

This is designed for and written at a **high school level** and I use it with my mixed-ability on-level 12<sup>th</sup> grade Civics class. However, this lesson deals more with practicing concepts and thinking skills so it should be fairly accessible to upper middle schoolers. I can't guarantee it will work, be sure to take a close look at materials in this preview to help you decide.

## Is this editable?

**Yes!** All student materials come with a digital Google file version that is editable for the exclusive purpose for you to customize it to meet your students needs and make accommodations.

## Will this work for my <insert unique setting here> classroom?

The preview and product description are **extremely detailed**—be sure to take a close look. Also know that all student materials comes with an editable, digital version. If you still have questions, feel free to **leave a Q&A!**

## What standards does this address?

**Several!** This kit supports standards from various states, including:

Analyze the structures, functions, and processes of the judicial branch -- Examine the process used by judges to interpret or clarify the law, make a decision, and write a summary opinion -- Use critical thinking skills to make inferences and draw conclusions