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Center for Civic Education and Share My Lesson to Give Away Free Textbooks

Contest Open to Teachers of All Grade Levels; Register by December 31

LOS ANGELES — The Center for Civic Education and Share My Lesson today announced a promotion to give away a free set of *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* textbooks. A winner will be chosen at random from teachers registering by December 31, 2013, at www.ShareMyLesson.com/cce. The winner can choose a classroom set of the new *We the People* enhanced ebook or a set of *We the People* upper elementary, middle school, or high school textbooks.

"Share My Lesson is a valuable resource for civics and government teachers," said Robert S. Leming, the director of the Center for Civic Education's We the People program. "The Center's lesson plans on Share My Lesson have been viewed more than 55,000 times since 2012, extending our high-quality civic education materials to new groups of teachers."

A wide selection of free lessons for President's Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Constitution Day, 9/11, and School Violence Prevention Week are available from the Center's Share My Lesson page.

"Share My Lesson is excited to work with the Center for Civic Education to bring engaging and effective resources to a broader base of educators," said Scott Noon, general manager of Share My Lesson. "As students become engaged with government, civics, policy, and eventually voting, exceptional educational resources are key to inspiring students and building our democracy."

The Center's Citizens, Not Spectators Share My Lesson page contains lessons for grades 4-12 that demystify voting and voter registration, teaching students why they should vote, how to fill out voter registration forms, and how to cast their vote. Teachers can choose from three-day or five-day lessons that culminate in a simulated election.

60-Second Civics has more than 1,300 brief, informative podcasts on American history, civics, and government can be streamed directly from the Share My Lesson page. Topics include the Declaration of Independence, Constitutional Convention, Bill of Rights, and the civil rights movement, among many others.

The *We the People* enhanced ebook features hundreds of videos, images, biographies, fundamental documents and interactive exercises that give students a rich, multimedia environment for learning about the Constitution and the contemporary issues that impact today's learners. Each lesson also includes a built-in optional teacher/guide and audio narration.

About the Center for Civic Education

The *Center for Civic Education (www.civiced.org)* is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to fostering the development of informed, responsible participation in civic life by citizens committed to values and principles fundamental to American constitutional democracy. The Center's programs are implemented with the assistance of a network of public- and private-sector organizations and educational leaders in every state and congressional district in the country and in more than eighty other countries, many of which are emerging and advanced democracies.

About Share My Lesson

Share My Lesson *(www.sharemylesson.com)* was developed by the American Federation of Teachers, a union of over 1.5 million professionals, and TSL Education, creators of TES Connect, the largest network of teachers in the world. Share My Lesson is a place where educators can come together to share their greatest teaching resources and collaborate on best practices at no cost. Share My Lesson features a significant resource bank aligned to the Common Core State Standards, including advice and guidance to aid in their successful implementation.

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