

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Bringing the Courtroom to the Classroom



The First Impressions Civics Education Program introduces San Joaquin County fifth-graders to the legal profession while teaching them about the three branches of government, the importance of the separation of powers, important Constitutional rights, and the role of judicial independence to fair and impartial courts. The program, which has been offered to students since 2000 through the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin's Judge Barbara Kronlund and team, and the San Joaquin County Bar Association, culminates with a mock trial where students role-play the judge, attorneys, witnesses, jury, court clerk, and bailiff.

Due to the pandemic, rules for courthouse and classroom visitors have changed, which prohibits this beneficial program from being offered in-person. That doesn't mean that court is adjourned, however, because the **FREE** program will be provided **VIRTUALLY**, allowing teachers to administer the First Impressions Civics Education Program in their classrooms!

 **Download**  
Download the module worksheets and learn more about the program at <http://bit.ly/CivicsEdSJC>.

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Watch the video modules on the San Joaquin County Office of Education YouTube page.

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## Free Virtual Modules Designed for Fifth-Grade Classrooms

1. The Tired King
2. Three Little Pigs Reading
3. Who's Who in the Courtroom
4. The 5th and 6th Amendments
5. Criminal vs. Civil Cases
6. Review of Who's Who in the Courtroom
7. Objections and Rulings
8. The Three Little Pigs Mock Trial
9. Your Mock Trial
10. Witnesses
11. Court Clerk Duties
12. Prosecution and Defense Scripts and Offering Exhibits into Evidence
13. Notes About Scripts
14. Courthouse Tour
15. Concluding Statement