

PBS Kids Writers Contest



Kindergarten Lesson Plan

Voices of The American Revolution: Then and Now

Learning Objectives

Essential Question: “What is fair?”

Encourage students to consider what fairness means in their own lives.

Introducing the American Revolution

A long time ago, people noticed when things weren't fair. They spoke up, worked together, and helped make changes so life could be fairer.

Read Aloud & Discussion

Choose a fairness-related story to read and then allow time for discussion prompts:

“What happened that felt unfair?”

“How did the characters fix the problem?”

“How did everyone feel once things were fair?”

Writers Contest Connection

Kids like you all over our state are sharing stories about fairness. Your voice is powerful!

Activity: Visual Storytelling

Students draw a time when something felt fair or unfair. Educators assist by writing simple sentences on the board.

Students tell their story to a partner.

Practice beginning, middle, and end:

What happened? Was it unfair or fair? If unfair, did someone help make it fair?

Remind students that their voices matter.

When you speak up, are kind, and think about others, you make the world more fair.

Writers Contest Prompt: “Draw and tell about a time when you helped make something fair.”

Remind students that helping, sharing, being kind, and speaking up are all examples of fairness. Their story can be about school, friends, siblings, playgrounds, sports...anything!

