

Ranked tools for week 292 in Public Law and Constitutional Rights

Node individuation and domain analysis

Life stage. Week 292 sits in **early childhood** under the prompt's lifespan anchors.

The transformation substrate of this node is: publicly visible, collectively binding rules and rights claims in a shared space, especially where an authority role must be limited, justified, or revised.

In other words, this node becomes tangible when a child can see and alter the difference between "what everyone must follow," "who is allowed to decide," and "what cannot simply be taken away from a person."

This node is the "public law and constitutional rights" half of its parent; its sibling is the "private law" half. A tool belongs here, not in the sibling node, when its primary feedback operates on **shared, role-bound, public rules and rights against authority** rather than **bargains, ownership disputes, damages, or obligations between private parties**. A peace table for two children after a conflict sits near the boundary but tends to fall toward the sibling side; a voting screen, public charter board, or rights-card display falls here because its centre of gravity is the **group-wide rule space** rather than a bilateral relationship.

Domain type. This is a **Human World** node.

Engagement mode. It **requires others**. Public law is not meaningfully public with only one person. At minimum, the social setup needs **one primary child, one other affected participant, and one temporary office-holder or public procedure** so that the child can experience the difference between personal preference and a rule that binds a group.

What genuine engagement looks like at week 292. The child does not "study constitutions." They become absorbed in questions like: *Who gets to decide? Is the vote really secret? Can the grown-up change the rule after we voted? Does everybody get a turn? Can we make an exception? Why does that sign apply to everyone?* NAEYC notes that children ages three to five ask questions about voting, enjoy mock elections, and become more invested when they have real input into the process rather than just following a teacher script. The UNCRC's Article 12 likewise grounds the child's right to express views on matters affecting them and have those views taken seriously. ¹

Common obstacles at this life stage. The biggest obstacle is not "young age." It is **bad embodiment**. Adults often hand children either abstract explanations, civics worksheets, or dramatic-play authority props with no rights architecture. That misses the domain. The child needs visible procedures: a posted rule, a ballot, a role card, a challenge, a public tally, a sign that applies to everyone, and at least one right that is *not* reducible to adult whim. Early-childhood democratic practice works best when children can participate in decisions that affect them and when the tools make the process legible. ²

Domain decomposition and what the tool must enable

For week 292, the tool should not try to teach constitutional doctrine as text. It should enable a child to **author, post, test, amend, and defend public rules** using real materials. The essential active principles are **representation, fairness, privacy, equal procedure, public notice, role-bound authority, amendment, and limits on majority power**. Those principles become physical through **cards, pockets, public boards, ballots, screens, name cards, symbols, and shared spaces**. Elections Canada's early-learner materials are strong precisely because they make secret ballot, identical ballots, ballot mixing, and public counting visible; UNICEF and children's-rights bodies are strong when they turn rights into child-legible icons and simple language. ³

What becoming-an-enabler looks like at this age. In this node, the five-year-old becomes useful to others when they can help a group create a fairer shared environment: setting up a polling place, posting a rule everyone can understand, noticing when a procedure is unfair, proposing an amendment, or defending one person's participation against a careless majority. The exchange they plausibly receive back is **trust, attention, more responsibility, recognition, and a compounding identity as "someone whose ideas can organize a group."** That is high-agency value creation because the child is not interchangeable input; they are shaping the public problem-space itself. This is tightly aligned with Article 12's participation principle and with early-childhood democratic practice that treats children's views as consequential rather than ornamental. ⁴

Boundary mapping and candidate sweep

The most common lazy defaults fail for specific reasons. **Books, flashcards, and worksheets used alone** fail the open-ended play test because they turn rights into recall. **Police station or courtroom playsets** fail the node-fit test because they centre enforcement spectacle or process theatrics rather than the limits on public power and the rights of the person facing that power. **Quiz-style democracy board games** fail the divergent exploration test because the "right answer" is already baked in. **Digital polling or response boards** fail the real-material/public-space test because they collapse the domain into instant response and adult-visible checking rather than a manipulable civic environment. ⁵

I cast a wide net across classroom-rule infrastructure, election simulation kits, rights-symbol card systems, ballot/privacy props, and authority-role dramatic play. The serious candidate pool included large public pocket charts, desktop pocket charts, magnetic strips, Scholastic and Lakeshore election kits, Elections Canada's early-learner and elementary kits, kid-size voting booths, rights-symbol card packs from UNICEF UK and CYPCS, and several lower-fit role-play or game products. The strongest survivors were the tools that made **public rules visible and revisable** and the kits that made **ballot privacy and fairness** tangible to young children. Borderline candidates were formal election kits designed for older elementary or with limited global acquisition. Failed candidates were quiz-board games, display-only rights cards, police station dramatic play, and answer-board polling tools. ⁶

Price note. EUR prices below are approximate where source pages were in USD, using roughly **1 USD = €0.8595** as observed on 26 May 2026 and converted with the built-in calculator. ⁷

Safety note. For child-marketed learning products, the relevant toy/framework references are the EU toy-safety harmonised standards under Directive 2009/48/EC and the U.S. mandatory ASTM F963 standard; for classroom supplies that are not clearly marketed as toys, product-level applicability is often ambiguous and needs human verification. I treat certification status as especially important here because week 292 is still early childhood. ⁸

Unified ranked list

Public Rights Charter Studio

match_score: 94

This is the strongest fit because it is the best buyable infrastructure I found for the exact substrate of the node: **public, shared, revisable rules with child-legible rights language**. It beats more “impressive” civics kits because it leaves the problem-space open. The child can use it to make a constitution of the room, a rights board for a play area, a voter roll, a speaker list, an amendment process, or an appeals board. The only reason it is not a 100 is that secret-ballot privacy is not inherent without one small add-on.

items array

- **Really Good Stuff® Our Class Management Pocket Chart™ — item #164143**

Price: about €30.07 from an observed price of \$34.99

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.reallygoodstuff.com/our-class-management-pocket-charttm-1-pocket-chart-188-cards/p/164143/>

is_main_item: true

Specifications: grades **PreK–5**; one magnetic pocket chart; **22" × 29.5"**; **126** wipe-off management/grouping cards; **60** student name cards; instructional guide.

Why this variant: the large public size matters. At week 292, the child needs a rule-space that is visibly **for everyone**, not a private notebook. The wipe-off cards make amendment cheap, which is exactly what this node needs.

Manufacturer origin / primary markets: Really Good Stuff LLC, Shelton, Connecticut, United States; sold primarily in U.S. educator/classroom supply channels.

lifespan_weeks: 156

sanitization_protocol: **Giver:** dry-wipe first, then clean high-touch laminated cards and chart surfaces with mild soap/water; sanitize only when needed for contamination or frequent shared handling; air-dry fully. **Receiver:** repeat quick wipe, replace bent/softened cards, and re-laminate heavily used custom cards before circulation. ⁹

- **Teacher Created Resources Black Desktop Pocket Chart — TCR20374**

Price: about €12.88 from an observed price of \$14.99

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.teachercreated.com/products/black-desktop-pocket-chart-20374>

is_main_item: false

Specifications: self-standing, double-sided; **five transparent pockets per side**; built-in clear storage pocket; folds flat; **15.5" × 12"**; includes **20** double-sided dry-erase strips; described as ideal for home or small-group instruction.

Why this variant: at week 292 the best public-law play often oscillates between **committee** and **assembly**. The desktop chart becomes the drafting table, caucus table, or minority-protection board before proposals go onto the public chart.

Manufacturer origin / primary markets: Teacher Created Resources, Garden Grove, California, United States; sold primarily in U.S. educator/classroom supply channels.

lifespan_weeks: 104

sanitization_protocol: **Giver:** wipe chart body and strips with mild soap/water; sanitize strips

only if mouthed or bodily-fluid exposed; dry flat before packing. **Receiver:** inspect pocket seams, discard cracked strips, and re-label with fresh dry-erase marker. 10

• **UNCRC Symbols Cards — Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland**

Price: €0.00

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.cypcs.org.uk/resources/uncrc-symbols-cards/>

is_main_item: false

Specifications: free printable PDF; designed for children and young people who are non-verbal, have speech and language difficulties, or additional support needs; can also help communicate ideas about rights to **very young children**; downloadable **A4** card set.

Why this variant: it closes the last semantic gap. The pocket charts provide public-rule infrastructure; the symbols cards give that infrastructure **rights content** in child-legible form.

Origin / primary markets: Scotland, United Kingdom; public-sector child-rights education resource, globally downloadable.

lifespan_weeks: 26 if printed on card stock; longer if laminated

sanitization_protocol: **Giver:** replace paper cards that are creased or visibly soiled; if laminated, clean gently and air-dry. **Receiver:** reprint any soft or frayed pieces before use. 11

completion_analysis

To push this to 100%, add **one opaque ballot container** and **one privacy screen**. That turns the studio from “public charter + amendment lab” into a full constitutional-rights environment that also includes **private choice**. The cheapest high-fit completion is not an expensive device; it is simply a small box or folded cardboard privacy screen plus a printed ballot template. Elections Canada’s early-learner kit shows why this matters: identical ballots, a hidden voting space, and mixed ballots make fairness legible to children. 12

justification

Brand is not the main reason this wins. The objective reasons are: **public scale, rewriteability, movability, low-cost amendment, small-group drafting support, and explicit suitability for PreK-5 or home/small-group use**. Compared with more packaged election kits, this studio is the only option that comfortably lets the five-year-old decide **what the public rules are about** rather than merely performing an adult-authored civics script. That is why it has the highest leverage ceiling. 13

tests_analysis

Open-ended play test: Pass. There is no single correct outcome. The same materials can become a bill of rights, a voting register, an amendment board, or a fairness tribunal.

First-week engagement test: Pass. Moving cards, posting symbols, assigning offices, and changing rules all produce immediate, visible feedback on day one.

Divergent exploration test: Pass. One child may become obsessed with ballots, another with signs, another with fairness exceptions, another with role cards.

Knowledge leverage test: High pass. The tool reaches into constitutional basics: public notice, legitimacy, representation, amendment, minority protection, and limits on authority.

Value-creation test: High pass. The child can genuinely help others by making the shared environment fairer and more understandable: turn systems, posted rules, office rotation, complaint channels, and visible process. These are reachable, win-win forms of public ordering at week 292.

exploration_guide

Day one: Create a **rights board for one shared space** only: the snack table, block area, or reading corner. Use symbol cards and ask, "What should everyone be able to do here?"

Day two: Add **offices**: speaker, listener, checker, ballot-keeper. Let the child assign or rotate them using the chart.

Day three: Add **one rule and one exception**. Example: "One builder at a time" immediately invites "What if two people are building together?"

Day four: Run a **private vote** with folded strips placed into the desktop chart's storage pocket or a simple envelope. This is the day privacy becomes visible.

Day five: Ask a constitutional question: **Can a majority vote away a right?** Keep it concrete: "Can everyone vote that one person never gets a turn at blocks?"

Day six: Let the child create a **public notice** for another shared space and decide who must follow it.

Day seven: Hold an **amendment session**: what rule was confusing, unfair, or ignored? Change it and keep the record visible.

spark_indicators

The child returns to re-post rules after a disruption, invents offices nobody suggested, protects one person from a majority decision, asks whether a parent or facilitator is "allowed" to change the chart after a vote, or starts distinguishing between "a rule" and "a right."

not_resonating_indicators

They only want to sort colors or names with no interest in the meaning of the posted rules, ignore the public board after one session, or use the materials purely as literacy tools with no pull toward fairness or authority questions.

evidence_of_engagement

Evidence would include a child-authored set of posted rules, invented role cards, an amendment history, repeated re-runs of a vote, spontaneous challenge phrases like "that's not fair for everyone," or a child insisting some rules should stay posted even after the activity ends.

trajectory_connection

This tool compounds forward into later work on elections, school councils, administrative rules, public services, courts, and eventually constitutional interpretation because it gives the child the whole: **a public rule-space that belongs to everyone.**

safety

Inherent hazard at week 292: low to low-moderate. Main risks are paper cuts, bent corners, possible strap/hanging entanglement if wall-mounted badly, and wear-related tears.

Applicable standards: EN 71 under the EU toy-safety framework [verified as the relevant toy-standard family]; ASTM F963-23 in the U.S. [verified as the mandatory toy standard family]; **product-level applicability and compliance for these exact SKUs [needs human verification]** because classroom supplies do not always present certification data on retail pages. ⁸

Choosing Our Mascot

match_score: 88

This is the best **exact-age** civic-rights kit I found. It is purpose-built for ages **4 to 9**, and it makes some of the most important constitutional-rights precursors legible: **secret ballot, private choice, identical ballots, fair visibility for candidates, voter identification, public counting, and the idea that a representative is chosen to speak for a group**. It ranks below the studio because it is more scripted and more tightly centered on a preset election scenario.

items array

- **Choosing Our Mascot — Elections Canada, kit K.00101**

Price: €0.00

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://electionsanddemocracy.ca/choosing-our-mascot-0>

is_main_item: true

Specifications: early-learner election simulation; aimed at **ages 4–9** and **kindergarten to grade 3**; includes teacher's guide, ballot box, voting screen, posters; printable materials include voter list, ballot papers, marked ballot examples, tally sheet, results, and certificate; the guide explains why votes are secret and differentiates procedures for kindergarten/grade 1 and grades 2/3. Orders for physical kits appear routed through Elections Canada's teacher-resource system; the materials are also downloadable online.

Why this variant: it is the cleanest exact-week demographic match in the whole research set.

Origin / primary markets: Canada; primary market is Canadian classrooms, but the materials are globally downloadable.

lifespan_weeks: 26 for a laminated/maintained print set

sanitization_protocol: **Giver:** replace spoiled ballots, wipe any reusable screen/box surfaces, and air-dry any laminated pieces. **Receiver:** inspect paper quality, reprint crumpled ballots, and replace shared pencils. ¹⁴

completion_analysis

To turn this from “excellent election precursor” into a full node tool, pair it with a **public charter surface**. After the mascot vote, use the result to post real rights/rules for the shared area. Without that second step, the child experiences procedure but not enough of the broader constitutional substrate.

justification

This is official, authentic, and developmentally tuned. It is better age-matched than most commercial election kits, and its explanation of secret voting is unusually strong for this age. It ranks below #1 because the problem-space is partly pre-authored: five mascot candidates, campaign songs, posters, and a relatively fixed sequence. The child is participating in a constitutional form, but not yet authoring that form as freely as with the studio. ¹²

tests_analysis

Open-ended play test: Partial pass. Stronger than a worksheet, weaker than a studio. The child can vary the issue and procedure, but the base kit starts with a preset election.

First-week engagement test: Strong pass. Day one includes ballots, posters, songs, a box, a screen, and visible counting.

Divergent exploration test: Moderate pass. Different children will fixate on different parts of the process, but the candidate set constrains divergence.

Knowledge leverage test: Good pass. It teaches privacy, fairness, representation, and procedure in concrete form.

Value-creation test: Good pass. Children can run a group decision that affects everyone and experience their views being taken seriously.

exploration_guide

Day one: run the mascot election exactly once.

Day two: ask what made it feel fair or unfair.

Day three: switch the vote from mascots to a real shared issue.

Day four: compare a secret ballot to a show-of-hands vote.

Day five: create one rule about campaign fairness.

Day six: ask whether everyone should be allowed to vote on every issue.

Day seven: post one result as a public rule and let the child decide how it can later be changed.

spark_indicators

The child independently sets up the voting screen again, worries about someone seeing a ballot, starts policing equal poster visibility, or asks whether the grown-up has to follow the outcome too.

not_resonating_indicators

They enjoy the songs and mascots but show no curiosity about privacy, procedure, fairness, or counting.

evidence_of_engagement

Repeated requests to re-run the election, insistence on checking that the ballot box is empty, child-led discussions about fairness of the process, or spontaneous transfer of the procedure to another shared decision.

trajectory_connection

This prepares later work on elections, representation, civic legitimacy, and eventually the harder question of what rights and powers should or should not be up for vote.

safety

Inherent hazard at week 292: low. Main risks are paper cuts and weak cardboard failure, not serious injury.

Applicable standards: because this is an educational print/kit resource rather than a conventional retail toy, direct product-standard disclosure was not visible; **EN 71 and ASTM F963 relevance [needs human verification]** for any physical-kit components. Use with ordinary early-childhood supervision.

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Election Activity Kit, Revised Edition

match_score: 82

This is the best commercial election kit I found that is easy to source through mainstream retail channels. It gives the child a ballot box, a banner, reproducible forms, and a structured entry into polling and graphing. It ranks behind the first two because it has more worksheet gravity and the accessible product information did not clearly expose an exact week-292 age band.

items array

- **Election Activity Kit, Revised Edition — Scholastic, SC-803836 / ISBN 9781338038361**

Price: about €13.74 from an observed price of \$15.99

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://shop.scholastic.com/teachers-ecommerce/teacher/books/election-activity-kit-revised-edition-9781338038361.html>

is_main_item: true

Specifications: 32-page reproducible activity book; **Vote Smart!** banner; sturdy easy-to-assemble ballot box; updated activity book includes a read-and-write mini-book, election timeline, polling and graphing activities, reproducible ballots, and registration forms. Scholastic's teacher-store page places the product within social studies, classroom materials, and early-childhood/PreK-grade browsing infrastructure, but the accessible lines did not expose a precise age field for this SKU.

Why this variant: unlike many free printables, it arrives as a coherent retail kit and can move directly into circulation.

Manufacturer origin / primary markets: Scholastic Corporation, New York, United States; sold primarily in U.S. education and trade-book retail channels.

lifespan_weeks: 52

sanitization_protocol: **Giver:** wipe reusable ballot box surfaces, discard used paper ballots and any heavily handled consumables, and package fresh print copies. **Receiver:** reprint ballots and registration forms, inspect taped seams on the ballot box, and replace any soft cardboard. 16

completion_analysis

To raise this toward 100%, strip out as much pre-authored content as possible. Replace canned candidate content with **child-named concerns**, **photo or icon ballots**, and a **public rights board**. The more the child authors the issue itself, the more this becomes constitutional play rather than school civics.

justification

Its big advantage is **retail coherence**: one commercially packaged box with a ballot box and classroom-ready materials. Its clear limitation versus #1 is that it tilts toward adult-managed activity sheets and outcome display. That makes it easier to deploy, but less powerful as a genuine knowledge-creation environment. 17

tests_analysis

Open-ended play test: Borderline pass. It can become open-ended if the facilitator lets the child define the issue; used literally, it tends toward structured activity.

First-week engagement test: Pass. Ballot box, banner, registration forms, and quick classroom voting are immediately usable.

Divergent exploration test: Moderate pass. Children can vary issues and campaign materials, but the box nudges toward one track.

Knowledge leverage test: Moderate pass. Good introduction to election mechanics, weaker on rights

that limit majority power.

Value-creation test: Moderate pass. The child can help run a group decision, but the tool more easily slides into performance for adults.

exploration_guide

Day one: assemble the ballot box and hold a tiny vote on a real group concern.

Day two: redesign the ballot so the child chooses the symbols or candidate pictures.

Day three: make registration cards and ask who should count.

Day four: compare public hands-up voting with private ballot voting.

Day five: let the child decide one campaign rule.

Day six: let the child audit whether the rule was followed.

Day seven: turn the winning choice into one posted public rule and see if it needs amendment later.

spark_indicators

The child starts making their own ballots, wants to count twice, insists on who is allowed to handle ballots, or begins asking whether a different issue should have been on the ballot.

not_resonating_indicators

They enjoy the sticker/banner aspect but ignore the rule/procedure layer.

evidence_of_engagement

Repeated self-initiated ballot making, spontaneous vote recounts, attempts to redesign the process, or transfer of the kit to new issues without prompting.

trajectory_connection

This leads naturally into later work on public decision-making, consent, representation, and why procedural fairness matters before outcomes can be trusted.

safety

Inherent hazard at week 292: low. Main issues are paper/cardboard edges and wear.

Applicable standards: for a child-marketed educational kit, **EN 71 / ASTM F963 are the relevant standard families [verified as the governing toy-standard families]**, but **compliance of this exact product [needs human verification]** because publicly visible retail pages did not expose certification data. ⁸

Classroom Election Kit

match_score: 78

Scoring rationale: strong secret-ballot/election affordances, but the accessible evidence points to a heavier older-elementary merchandising context, which weakens the exact-week match. It also risks becoming an adult-run civics event instead of open constitutional play. ¹⁸

items array

• Lakeshore Classroom Election Kit — CS825

Price: observed at **\$6.40 sale** or **\$15.99 regular**, about **€5.50** sale or **€13.74** regular

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/social-studies/history-government/classroom-election-kit/p/CS825/>

is_main_item: true

Key specifications: interactive election activity kit; **32-page** book; registration cards; voting badges; festive banner; ballot box measures **10" wide**; marketed as developing government, citizenship, and democracy. One accessible Lakeshore result also surfaced it through a **3rd-grade / 8-9 years** merchandising path, which is the main reason it sits below the top tier.

Manufacturer origin / primary markets: Lakeshore Learning Materials, California, United States; primary market U.S. educator/family classroom supply.

lifespan_weeks: 52 ¹⁹

justification: useful hardware and visible voting structure, but a clear leverage gap versus #1 because the child is more likely to perform an election than to author a public rule system.

tests_analysis: open-ended **borderline**; first-week engagement **pass**; divergent exploration **moderate**; knowledge leverage **moderate**; value-creation **moderate**.

trajectory_connection: good bridge into later formal election topics, but weaker than #1 for constitutional rights as a whole.

Kid-Size Voting Booth Stand Up Kit

match_score: 74

Scoring rationale: privacy is a real constitutional-rights affordance, and a child-sized booth makes that tangible fast. The limitation is that, by itself, it is more prop than problem-space. It needs a public charter or rights layer around it. ²⁰

items array

• Anderson's Kid-Size Voting Booth Stand Up Kit

Price: about **€51.56** from an observed **\$59.99**

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Andersons-Kid-Size-Cardboard-Decorative-Patriotic/dp/B0DK42WNV7>

is_main_item: true

Key specifications: heavy-duty premium-grade cardboard; marketed for classroom polls, student-council elections, mock elections, youth programs, and learning-through-play; item weight about **1.2 lb / 540 g**.

Origin / primary markets: sold through U.S.-centric retail/event channels; exact brand-origin details were less transparent in accessible sources than the other top options.

lifespan_weeks: 12 ²¹

justification: it captures one crucial constitutional principle — **private voting** — better than most other products, but there is a large leverage gap versus #1 because it does not itself generate rights content or visible public-rule negotiation.

tests_analysis: open-ended **pass**; first-week engagement **strong pass**; divergent exploration **moderate**; knowledge leverage **limited unless paired**; value-creation **moderate**.

trajectory_connection: useful when the child is already caring about secrecy, honesty, and whether others can see their choice.

Election Simulation Toolkit

match_score: 72

Scoring rationale: very high conceptual leverage, but too language-heavy and role-heavy for an exact week-292 first week unless the child is already unusually drawn to procedure. Elections Canada recommends at least **90 minutes** for younger students and frames it for elementary and secondary classrooms. ²²

items array

- **Election Simulation Toolkit — Elections Canada, K.00102**

Price: €0.00

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://electionsanddemocracy.ca/election-simulation-toolkit-0>

is_main_item: true

Key specifications: ballot box, voting screen, poster, role cards; official guide says it can be used in elementary and secondary classrooms; younger students are recommended **at least 90 minutes**; includes role cards, ballots, tally sheet, and polling-station manual.

lifespan_weeks: 26 for a maintained print set ²²

justification: strong procedural authenticity, but a clear leverage gap versus #1 because the child is more likely to be carried through roles than to own the public-rule problem-space.

tests_analysis: open-ended **moderate**; first-week engagement **borderline**; divergent exploration **moderate**; knowledge leverage **high**; value-creation **good but adult-dependent**.

trajectory_connection: better as the next-step tool once the child already cares about fair elections and public offices.

Desktop Pocket Chart and Stand

match_score: 70

Scoring rationale: good committee-scale rule play, weaker assembly-scale publicness. It is a strong enhancer, not the best catalyst, because the stand/chart combo is more drafting infrastructure than a clearly constitutional environment on its own. ²³

items array

- **Really Good Desktop Pocket Chart™ and Stand — 302215**

Price: about €47.91 from \$55.74

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.discountsschoolsupply.com/school-supplies/classroom-tools/>

pocket-charts-accessories/desktop-pocket-chart--and-stand---1-chart-1-stand/p/s813473

is_main_item: true

Key specifications: one chart and one stand; in-use size about **18" W × 10 3/8" D × 14" H**; marketed for brainstorming, sentence building, poetry, and similar desk-scale work.

lifespan_weeks: 104 ²⁴

justification: useful as a constitution-drafting desk, but lower than #1 because it lacks the clearly public wall-facing dimension that constitutional-rule play needs.

tests_analysis: open-ended **pass**; first-week engagement **pass**; divergent exploration **pass**; knowledge leverage **moderate**; value-creation **moderate**.

trajectory_connection: good precursor to committee, drafting, and amendment work.

Black Desktop Pocket Chart

match_score: 67

Scoring rationale: acceptable and inexpensive, but too private and too small as a standalone. Best treated as a companion piece rather than a full primary tool for this node. ²⁵

items array

- **Teacher Created Resources Black Desktop Pocket Chart — TCR20374**

Price: about €12.88

Currency: EUR

Link: <https://www.teachercreated.com/products/black-desktop-pocket-chart-20374>

is_main_item: true

Key specifications: double-sided; 10 pockets total; includes 20 double-sided dry-erase strips; **15.5" × 12"**.

lifespan_weeks: 104 ²⁶

justification: much lower leverage than #1 because it does not, by itself, create a visibly public constitutional space.

tests_analysis: open-ended **pass**; first-week engagement **pass**; divergent exploration **moderate**; knowledge leverage **limited standalone**; value-creation **limited standalone**.

trajectory_connection: best as the drafting annex to a larger public-rule board.

DIY options derived from the top pick

Household Constitution Wall

match_score: 0

items array

- index cards or scrap paper — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- tape, clothes pins, or magnets — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- marker or crayon — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- opaque envelope or empty box for ballots — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**

derivation_note

This preserves the top pick's strongest principles: **public display, cheap amendment, child-authored rights language, and private ballots**. It loses durability, ready-made pockets, and the cleaner visual separation between committee and public assembly. It avoids the anti-recommendation failure modes by staying open-ended and materially real.

brief construction/activity guide

Tape three columns on a wall or cupboard: **Rights, Rules, Can Change?** Draw simple icons instead of writing if needed. Add one envelope labeled **Private Vote**. Let the child post one right, test one rule, and decide whether that rule can be changed by a vote.

Floor Parliament

match_score: 0

items array

- masking tape — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- paper circles or sticky notes — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- buttons, stones, or tokens for offices — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**
- bowl, hat, or envelope for ballots — **price €0 — is_household_material: true**

derivation_note

This keeps the top pick's **public space, role-bound authority**, and **amendment/challenge loop**, but sacrifices reusability and archival visibility. It also avoids the "worksheet test" problem by making the child move through the civic space bodily.

brief construction/activity guide

Tape four floor zones: **Proposal, Question, Vote, Challenge**. The child places a paper rule in **Proposal**, hears one question, moves to **Vote**, and if someone thinks the vote harms a right, the rule moves to **Challenge** before it can become public.

Anti-recommendations and limitations

Democracy quiz board games

match_score: -42

items: quiz-style democracy or human-rights board games such as KS2/primary “what is democracy” board games

rejection_reason: fails the **open-ended play test** and the **divergent exploration test**. The child is trying to retrieve approved answers rather than building a public rule-world that can surprise them. 27

Rights flashcards or matching packs used alone

match_score: -38

items: rights display cards, flashcards, or wants/needs sorting cards when used without a public rule environment

rejection_reason: fails the **first-week engagement test** and usually slips into adult scoring. Cards alone can name rights, but they do not create a civic problem-space with real shared consequences. 28

Police station role-play packs and police-station playsets

match_score: -57

items: police station role-play packs and similar enforcement-centred authority play

rejection_reason: fails the **domain-alignment test**. Its centre of gravity is law enforcement spectacle and command hierarchy, not the child’s exploration of rights, limits on power, and collectively binding rules. It also risks teaching that public authority is mostly about catching or commanding rather than being constrained. 29

Write-and-show answer boards and public response paddles

match_score: -46

items: classroom answer boards used for voting/checking

rejection_reason: fails the **rights/privacy** dimension of the node. These boards turn choices into public teacher-visible performance, which is the opposite of what makes secret ballot and independent choice interesting here. 30

Open questions and limitations

Some product pages did not expose **product-level certification data**, so exact compliance status for individual SKUs remains **human verification work**, even though the governing standard families are clear. The **Scholastic** kit did not expose a precise age band in the accessible lines I could verify. The **Lakeshore** kit surfaced through a result suggesting **3rd-grade / 8-9 years** merchandising, which is why I kept it below the top tier for an exact week-292 recommendation. For the official Elections Canada kits, the **digital materials are globally accessible**, but the physical ordering workflow appears Canada-specific. 31

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