

Social Studies in KAREEM BETWEEN:

USE these questions as a guide for discussing First Amendment rights and American Activism

How did the Muslim Ban show the different branches in action?

The idea of three branches of the United States government was meant to provide checks and balances on the system. The Executive branch is the one the President heads, and the other two are the Legislative and Judicial Branch.

What does the word “unconstitutional” mean?

When judges of multiple American courts in 2017 ruled against Executive order 17369, they said it was unconstitutional. The Constitution is the set of legislation upon which American laws are based. The first amendment of the constitution includes that no law should be made to discriminate based on religion.

What other First Amendment rights does Kareem point out?

Kareem discusses free speech, he is involved in a protest (which is called free assembly), and he contacts local media (free press).

How has activism changed laws in the history of America?

Throughout American history, there have been many moments where Americans have protested unfair laws, ex: civil rights movement. Protest and standing up for justice are part of changing the world for the better!

What does it mean to be American?

At first, Kareem assumed he could not be both Syrian and American. But he realizes that being an American does not mean him forgetting his culture. How can participation in activism help Americans feel a sense of belonging?

How does the blend of varying ethnicities and cultures with American identity bring beauty and joy to American society?