

1. Read the following quotes:

“a government of laws and not of men.” - John Adams

“When the President does it, it is not illegal.” – Richard Nixon

Discussion:

1. What are your thoughts?
2. Based on both quotes, how would you summarize John Adams’ and Richard Nixon’s points of view?
3. Are they similar or different?

Rule of Law Video Viewing Guide & Guided Discussion

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Rule of Law Video	Specific Evidence from the Video
According to the video, what does the rule of law mean?	
How does the rule of law protect citizens?	

Guided Discussion Notes

- We are a nation of laws ... not a nation of people.
- All citizens are treated fairly and equally under the same set of laws.
- Laws allow people to enjoy a peaceful existence with others.
- U.S. laws are based on the Constitution and protected by the courts.
- No one is above the law ... no one is below the law.
- The “rule of law” is like the rules of the road ... individuals must follow the laws to protect the safety of all.
- The “rule of law” is an agreement that everyone will play by the rules.
- We are governed by rules that are in the best interest of our country ... not in the best interest of us personally.
- In America, we follow the “rule of law.” We do not serve men or women; we serve “the law.”