



-STUDENT Notebook-

Insurance Commissioner

PREVIEW

In this lesson, you will examine the office of the Insurance Commissioner, paying close attention to the responsibilities that the office has to the citizens of Washington.

VIEWING NOTES

Pay attention to following vocabulary terms when watching the video. If you do not know what a term means, use an online dictionary to look it up before pressing play.

Consumer Protection
Consumer

Insurance
Commissioner

Regulation
Compliance

SECTION 1

1. Spend 3 minutes brainstorming answers to the following questions:
 - List all the types of insurance that you can think of.
 - Why do you think insurance might be important?
 - Do you think elections are important? Why or why not?
2. Pair up with a neighbor and share your answers to the questions.

SECTION 2

1. Watch the [Insurance Commissioner Video](#) (5 minutes).
2. Fill out Column 2 of the chart below; the first row has been completed for you. For each column, list one duty that the commissioner must do to fulfill that responsibility.

1. Responsibility	2. Duties	3. Why do you think it is important?
Regulates different types of insurance	Ensures that the insurance companies are treating consumers fairly	
Licenses insurance companies		
Consumer Complaint Division		
Fines insurance companies who break the law		
Protects the Public		

SECTION 3

1. Meet up with a different partner than Section One.
2. Finish COLUMN 3 with your new partner.
3. Add to your answers from Section One:
 - a. List all the types of insurance that you can think of.
 - b. Why do you think insurance might be important?
 - c. Do you think elections are important? Why or why not?

SECTION 4 Further Research Opportunities (Optional)

- Visit the [Insurance Commissioner Website](#) to answer the question: How does the insurance commissioner affect your daily life?
- In a short one page essay, a creative OnePager, or a short presentation, use one of the examples below to explain why this role is important in Washington State.

- [Access to Mental Health Services](#): How does the Office of the Insurance Commissioner help people access behavioral health care?
- [Homeowners insurance and climate change](#): How does climate change affect your insurance?
- [Health Insurance Rights](#): What are your rights as a Washingtonian in terms of access to health insurance?
- [Insurance in the Media](#): How is the Insurance Industry covered in the media? What issues are important to the media?