



ISIDORE STARR

Leading a Revolution in Civics

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VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

This episode is a short documentary about Dr. Isidore Starr tracing his career from his start as a teacher in 1930s Brooklyn, New York, to becoming internationally recognized as “the father of law-related education.”

keywords: law-related education, teacher

Discussion questions

- 1) Why did Dr. Starr advocate teaching children about the law from a young age?
- 2) Discuss the statement: “Teaching social studies without the law is like teaching vertebrate anatomy without the backbone.”
- 3) Discuss the merits of the various approaches for law-related education mentioned in the film.
- 4) Why is controversy important for teaching about law?

Further reading

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