

LESSON PLAN: THE JUVENILE DEATH PENALTY

**Minimum Age of Application of the Death Penalty
 in the States & Other U.S. Jurisdictions***

Age 18	Age 17	Age 16	States/Jurisdictions Without the Death Penalty
California Colorado Connecticut Illinois Indiana Kansas Maryland Montana Nebraska New Jersey New Mexico New York Ohio Oregon South Dakota** Tennessee Washington Wyoming** Federal Gov't. US Military	Florida Georgia New Hampshire North Carolina Texas	Alabama Arizona Arkansas Delaware Idaho Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi Missouri*** Nevada Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Utah Virginia	Alaska Hawaii Iowa Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota North Dakota Rhode Island Vermont Washington DC West Virginia Wisconsin

*Data from the International Justice Project Web site:
<http://www.internationaljusticeproject.org/juvStatutes.cfm>, accessed April 2, 2004.

** In March 2004 the governors in these states signed bills abolishing the juvenile death penalty.

***The Missouri Supreme Court decided that the juvenile death penalty violated the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.