**Podcast E (5 minutes)**

**Podcast following Lesson 8 (after the trial, bringing closure to the unit)**

Oh Susanna music in the background…

(Excited voices in the background…hooray, we did it, that’s right, you got it! I can’t believe it, etc.)

Praiseworthy –let’s add some new lyrics to our song…..

Oh California, oh don’t you cry for me,

For we have a Constitution, and the Jackson’s are free!

We’ve got a long, long way to go, to put the rule of law on high,

But we have three branches of government, California don’t you cry!

Oh California, oh don’t you cry for me,

For we have a Constitution, and the Jackson’s are free!

The legislative branch writes laws for us, and follow them we’ll try,

The executive will enforce those laws, California don’t you cry!

Oh California, oh don’t you cry for me,

For we have a Constitution, and the Jackson’s are free!

The judicial branch interprets laws, they analyze and justify,

Making sure that life is fair for all, California don’t you cry.

Oh California, oh don’t you cry for me,

For we have a Constitution, and the Jackson’s are free!

Everyone: Laughing….yes, it worked…wow, glad it’s over!

Thomas: Thank you for being such good friends. My parents and little Sally are home sleeping right now, after that great meal you cooked, Arabella.

Praiseworthy: Well, this was definitely a group effort! I’m hopeful that everyone has learned from this experience. When we know what the rule of law says in our Constitution, we have a better chance of achieving justice.

Jack: I’m looking forward to changing some laws. I know to reach out to the legislative branch ~ and soon!

Constance: Well, I’ve learned that the executive branch has to enforce the laws…and it is important that we vote for good leaders to guide them!

Thomas: I want to be an attorney like you, Praiseworthy! I want to help people through the judicial branch. I’ll do my best to make sure that all of the facts and details come out and justice is served.

Sarah: Well, I want to be a judge when I grow up. I want to be in charge in court! Objection overruled!

Arabella: All of you children have a brighter future if you stay informed and active in our community.

Louisa: I’m just happy to know all of you ~ I can’t wait to write to my sister, and tell her that we truly ARE becoming a civil state out here in California!

Oh Susanna music in background for one line only..

Louisa: Dear Molly, I apologize for not writing sooner, dear sister, I know I have been very poor with my communication lately. But I must tell you that I can now write to you with a happy heart!

The children next door stepped right up to the challenge and became civically engaged in their community. I’m so proud of them! As you know, there have been horrendous misdeeds and mistreatment of our minorities here in Gold Rush Country. The fact that African, Mexican, Native Americans, and Chinese are banned by the law to testify in court makes it almost impossible to right those wrongs. Oh, this riles me up!

That is why I am so excited to write to you and tell you that a very rare thing has happened, Molly! The children, guided by their civic-minded guardians, became involved in their community. They began by studying the branches of government, and learned how each branch is designed to help solve problems in our communities. They have made such a difference! They actually learned how to make use of the Judicial Branch in a way that has been very positive! I am so hopeful that we will see more changes in the laws so that minorities will be treated with the respect they deserve. And that more young people become educated about civics like these children!

Oh, let me tell you the story; I’ll start at the beginning…(begin fading my voice?) First of all, the Jackson’s, an African American family live right by my home, well….