Supporting Active Citizenship
Curriculum Materials Center
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A selected list of print and online lesson planning materials for teachers in the PreK -12 classroom.

Teaching Aids:

Call Number: Curr. Mats. JK524 .B375 1999


Call Number: Curr. Mats. LB1584 .C54 2005

Call Number: Curr. Mats. LB1584. F6597 2000

Call Number: Curr. Mats. LB1584 .R43 2005


  Call Number: Curr. Mats. LB1139.5 .S64 S44 2000

  Call Number: Curr. Mats. PN4305 .H7 S67 2008

**Textbooks:**

  Call Number: Curr. Mats. [Text] 320.4 Gle 2007 Gr. 6-8

  Call Number: Curr. Mats. [Text] 320.4 Pea 2013 Gr. 10-12

**Juvenile Books:**

  Call Number: P J Bar

  Call Number: j342.73 Bax

  Call Number: j320.4 Bed

  Call Number: j328.73 Bri

  Call Number: j324.97 Chr

  Call Number: P J Cro
   Call Number: j324.6 DeC

   Call Number: jB Sta

   Call Number: j320.473 Har

   Call Number: j324.6 Hel

   Call Number: j324.6 Kam

   Call Number: jB Cha

   Call Number: j352.23 Lan

   Call Number: J Lev

   Call Number: J Lit

   Call Number: j342.73 Mae

   Call Number: j324.6 McG

   Call Number: PJ McN

   Call Number: j324.6 Mur
Call Number: j323.119 Par

Call Number: J Pel

Call Number: j352.23 Sil

Call Number: j342.73 Ste

Call Number: j324.7 Sti

Call Number: J Tea

Call Number: PJ Wel

**Online Resources**

**Lesson Plans:**

**C-SPAN Classroom**
A collaborative effort of C-Span and social studies teachers, this site gives access to primary source materials such as video clips of debates, and discussion questions to guide classroom discussion on political issues for grades 6-12.
[http://www.c-spanclassroom.org](http://www.c-spanclassroom.org)

**Printable Resources**
Created by Scholastic, this website contains free graphic organizers, posters, and documents that cover multiple subjects for grades K-12.
[http://printables.scholastic.com](http://printables.scholastic.com)
Teachable Moment
TeachableMoment.org is a project of the Morningside Center for Teaching Social Studies Responsibility. The classroom lessons foster critical thinking on issues of the day and a positive classroom environment. These materials are free to access and reproduce for classroom instruction in grades K-12.
http://www.teachablemoment.org

We the Civics Kids – National Constitution Center
National Constitution Center introduces students to civic education through children’s literature. This page introduces a reading list for each month that includes recommended reading, lesson plans, activities, and games that corresponds with a specific civic holiday. Resources can be searched by standards and subject areas. (Grades K-4).
http://constitutioncenter.org/learn/educational-resources/we-the-civics-kids/

Games/Activities:

270 to Win
270 to Win is a website that focuses specifically on the Electoral College designed for grades 4-12. It contains interactive maps that reflect most recent poll data, quizzes, and the current congressional representatives by party.
http://www.270towin.com

iCivics
Formerly Our Courts, iCivics is the collaborative effort of the Law and Education programs at Arizona State and Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, and an iCivics technology and management team. iCivics has multiple games that address various areas of government including law making, congressional representation, the President’s daily agenda, constitutional rights, and the Supreme Court. Designed for students in grades 3-8.
http://www.icivics.org

If You Were President
In this game by Scholastic for grades 4-12, students must select advisors to join their executive team, and balance the federal budget. Students must then answer questions from the press and justify their selections. The game ends with a newspaper article that incorporates students’ choices and answers which can be printed.

National Student/Parent Mock Election
On the website of the National Student/Parent Mock Election, students can join 5 million other students and participate in a mock election and view the results as percentages of the total votes, or by individual states. For students in grades 3-12.
http://www.nationalmockelection.org
Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI).
YLI, a program of the University of Virginia Center for Politics, develops free education resources designed to assist civics teachers, and encourage students in grades 4-12 to participate in the political process.
http://youthleadership.net

Student Resources:

Kids.gov
This government website, by the Federal Citizen Information Center of the Office of Citizen Services, gives student access to the National Historical archives, and searchable primary source materials. Students can use photographs in the archives to create their own documentary. This website also serves as a portal to other government sponsored and educational children’s websites. Resources are for students in grades K-8.
http://www.kids.gov

The Living Room Candidate
American Museum of Moving Image’s website contains television campaign ads for presidential candidates from 1952-2012. Students in grades 3-12 can use these as primary sources or create their own ads with the site’s “ad maker.”
www.livingroomcandidate.org

Civic Action Resources:

Do Something.org
Created by the organization of the same name, this site is designed to promote teen volunteer work by giving them access to materials on project formation, identifying issues that are important to them, and realistic ways that teens can make a difference. Students in grades 9-12 can also use their projects to apply for grant or scholarship money.
http://www.dosomething.org

Rock the Vote
Rock the Vote, a website named for the organization that created it, provides students in grades 9-12 with the opportunity to be involved in the voting process by helping people register to vote. Students can learn about important issues and the political candidates through this website. Rock the Vote also has a Democracy Class to promote civic involvement at the high school level.
http://www.rockthevote.org

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