**Extend the Resources**

The United States and NATO:

World Relationships and Why they Matter

Below are a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided on this Classroom Law Project resource page to extend learning and civic engagement for your students:

***Start with Choice & Inquiry:***

Each of the sections on this Current Event Resource Page connect to the topic of NATO and the United States’ recent relationship with its alliance countries. There are maps and timelines, and discussion of the most recent Congressional actions (NATO Support Act) and NATO summit in London. There is an avenue into the topic that will reach any student’s interest. Give students the opportunity to choose a topic or connection of interest and start with that.

**Extensions with the Articles/Editorials:**

* News Analysis worksheets (handout on current event page)
* Further News Research (Research Tips handout on current event page)
* Annotated summaries of some of the articles provided
* Policy Proposals for how to go forward with NATO

**Extensions with the Maps & Data:**

There is a lot of data available, as well as interactive maps about all the member nations of NATO

* Research a particular NATO country: when and why it entered the alliance
* How might the geographic distribution of member nations affect the US’ own concerns about defense and diplomacy?
* What might be some of NATO’s biggest geographic challenges in the near future?

**Extensions with Constitutional / Legal Analysis:**

* Dig more deeply into the **Essential Questions** in this Current Event about NATO and the US’ role in it. There is very little and very vague reference to foreign relations in the Constitution - how might that create tensions between the branches of government?
* Use the Preamble Critique handout to ask kids to look more closely into the NATO Support Act and how it does or does not meet the goals of the Preamble of the Constitution.
* Consider what Constitutional questions might be asked if a president were to unilaterally withdraw from NATO - should there be Congressional participation in such a decision? Is there any Constitutional guidance for what to do if this happens?