Extend the Resources

**Nothing Less Than a Miracle: The Challenge of Constitutional Transfer of Power**

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 the transition of presidential power, contentious elections, and what happened on January 6, 2021 at the United States Capitol.

Ask students to consider the provided essential questions or to simply explore the issues and begin to ask questions themselves about what happened, and what citizens’ role should be in response.

**Extensions with the Articles/Editorials:**

* News Analysis worksheets (handout on current event page)
* Further News Research (Research Tips handout on current event page)
* Analyze political cartoons that have been published since the Jan. 6 events
* Annotated summaries of articles
* Socratic discussions with shared article texts

**Extensions with Constitutional Analysis & Primary Documents:**

* We provide historical information and analysis of past contentious elections, as well as primary sources on how the Framers of the Constitution addressed the possibility of violent sedition. Ask students to explore the Constitution and Federalist No. 10 and then ask questions about what might have caused the events of January 6, 2021 to unfold the way they did. How might the violence have been prevented? What should be the next steps to restore democracy and nonviolence?
* Consider Congress’ role in both the process of counting electoral votes and in responding to what happened at the Capitol. What should the Legislative Branch do now? How should they deal with members of Congress who may have taken part in inciting the violence?
* What can Americans do better in the future to avoid this kind of violence from boiling over after a presidential election? What answers does the Constitution and other primary sources provide us?