

EXTEND THE RESOURCES

Below is 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 connects to the topic of the death penalty. There should be a subtopic within the issue of capital punishment that will reach any student's interest. For example, the Constitutional interpretation, the federalism approach, international approaches, the debate around efficacy and morality, the various capital punishment methods, the trend of abolition. 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 articles
- Socratic discussions with shared article texts

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- Dig more deeply into the topic by having students prepare for a legislative hearing (e.g., Townhall simulation) to present various viewpoints on capital punishment and have students determine what, if any, legislation at a state or federal level should be passed to address the issue.
- Students can participate in a station activity in which they learn about the history of United States Supreme Court cases that address the death penalty starting in 1976 and ending in the case addressing the issue in the court's most recent term, *United States v. Tsarnaev*.
- Create a Structured Academic Controversy with your students in which they discuss the merits of each side of the death penalty debate.