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## CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

## Vocabulary

**Directions:** Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

- 1. **Infrastructure** (n.) The basic physical and organizational structures and facilities (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or enterprise.
- 2. **Transportation Sector** (n.) A category of companies that provide services to move people or goods. The transportation sector consists of several industries including air freight and logistics, airlines, marine, road and railways.
- 3. **Communication Sector** (n.) A category of companies that transmit data in words, voice, audio, or video across the globe. Telecom equipment, telecom services, and wireless communication are the three basic sub-sectors of telecommunications.
- 4. **Energy Sector** (n.) The industries (private and public) involved in the production and sale of energy, including fuel extraction, manufacturing, refining and distribution
- 5. **Modernize** (v.) Adapt (something) to modern needs or habits, typically by installing modern equipment or adopting modern ideas or methods.

## CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

**Directions:** As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- ➤ What industries and sectors are being supported through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act?
- > How has investment in infrastructure affected the historical growth of the United States?
- ➤ In your opinion, what are the benefits and drawbacks on bills that are so long and encompassing?
- ➤ What role does the federal government play in local infrastructure decisions? In your opinion, what role should the federal government play?
- ➤ How will local communities, such as your own, be directly affected by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act?
- ➤ What is the relationship between climate change and resiliency and the recently passed infrastructure bill?
- ➤ What is the process for state and local governments to receive the infrastructure funds? In your opinion, what should be the process?