

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 presidential succession. There should be a subtopic within the bill that will reach any student's interest. For example, the history of vice presidents assuming the role of presidents, presidents' health issues leading to the need for temporary relinquishment of duties, the constitutional issues around the various statutes associated with presidential succession and more. 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 participate in a Townhall about how the presidential line of succession should look. Students can adopt the roles of different stakeholders, including members of the public, constitutional scholars, legislators (including Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tempore) and Cabinet members.
- Students can write alternative histories (fiction short stories) after researching the various moments in American history in which presidents have been ill, incapacitated or faced other issues that created a situation that one could argue diminished their ability to perform the duties of the president. Students could incorporate these historical issues into a story in which someone replaced the president at the time.
- Create a debate or presentation in which students present their own ideas about the presidential line of succession. Students can work individually or in groups as they advocate for their own way to replace a president who can no longer execute the duties of the office.