

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:

The sections on this Current Event Resource Page connect to inflation and the growing concern of rising inflation's impact on the American economy in 2022. There should be a subtopic within this Current Event that students may find interesting. For example, the cost of various goods and services adjusted for inflation, the role of the federal government in addressing troublesome inflation rates, the role of the pandemic on inflation rates, the difference between income and purchasing power, the role of central banks on inflation rates, or the historical examples of governments addressing and dealing with hyperinflation. 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 Gallery Walk in which they learn about various historical examples of inflation and how those countries were impacted and tried to deal with the issue (e.g. post-WW1 Germany, late 20th century Venezuela, late 20th century Japan). Students can read and learn about scenarios and compare and contrast their experiences.
- Students can compare and contrast the economic philosophies of Milton Friedman and John Maynard Keynes. They can then determine which philosophies they find more compelling and construct an argumentative essay around those philosophies.
- Create a debate or presentation in which students present their own ideas on how to address the current day inflation, ensuring they cite sources and base their ideas in economic history and scholarship.