

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 Unpacking the Federal Reserve and Interest Rate Hikes. There is a topic that will reach any student's interest. 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

Extensions:

- Dig more deeply into the Essential Questions in this Current Event about the Federal Reserve and Interest Rate Hikes.
- Choose a resource to engage students in a Socratic Seminar.
- Use one or more resources to create a Structured Academic Controversy with your students.
- Create a visual representation (2D or 3D) of the relationship between interest rates, inflation, and employment. (Alternative option: create a visual representation of stagflation.)
- Imagine you are giving a presentation to an audience who is unfamiliar with economics. How would you describe the Fed's decision to raise interest rates? How can you best describe these issues in clear language in a 2- to 4-minute speech?
- Ask students to prepare statements on either side of the following topic and engage the class in a debate:

The Federal Reserve should significantly consider issues like racial/age/gender disparities in unemployment, climate change, and other social factors in determining whether or not to raise/lower interest rates.