



# CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

## OREGON ELECTION RESULTS 2022

Below is a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided for this Current Events Post to extend learning and civic engagement for your students.

### Media Literacy

#### Evaluating Media Sources - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students will read, analyze, and evaluate various media sources focused on a particular topic or theme. This lesson allows students to practice the vital critical thinking skills associated with media literacy, while at the same time, obtaining content knowledge on important current event issues associated with their class-based curriculum.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Students will further their understanding when evaluating an article, video, or podcast from this Current Event. While reading over content on the elections, students will display critical thinking skills associated with media literacy. Students will gain skills in reading and analysis when making connections with the text in the following areas: point of view, historical context, distortion, propaganda, and relevance including sources with conflicting information.

### Conversation for Understanding

#### Microlabs/Triads - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Microlabs is a discussion activity designed to maximize equal participation in conversation among students on nearly any topic. After the teacher provides an overview and instructions, students engage in three rounds of highly structured conversation in response to a series of questions. Students receive an equal amount of time, uninterrupted, to answer each question.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Teacher will assign a selection of resources to read over to prepare for Microlabs/Triads activity. Teacher will create thoughtful questions for students to reflect on and share their thinking. Students are asked to read over specific material, then present their observations on the outcome of the election based on evidence from the text.



## Research

### Interpreting & Analyzing Data Visualizations - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** This activity focuses on three types of quantitative data visualizations: charts, graphs, and tables. When students build the skills and habits to analyze and interpret data visualizations, they develop a deeper, more textured understanding of the Current Events they study.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** A teacher can assign students to look over a specific data visualization within the resources of this Current Event which shares outcomes of the election. Students will develop a more complex understanding of voting trends based on indicators of the collected data.

## Beyond the Classroom

### Write an Editorial - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students go through a research, drafting, editing, and revision process to generate OpEd's about Current Event issues.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** After students are asked to read resources from the Current Event, share their understanding in the Microlabs/Triad activity, and interpret research from data visualizations, students are better prepared to write an Editorial. Teachers will give students time to further their understanding on the outcomes of the election, allow further research on an issue or topic, and then produce a piece of writing. Students will see how important it is to Democracies that citizens are well-informed and are able to discuss issues and then vote. In this lesson, students will get a chance to explore and weigh the evidence, then express their own point of view.