



# CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

## *U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER*

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.

### Conversation for Understanding

**Socratic Seminar** - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#) +++ [LINK TO GRAPHIC ORGANIZER](#)

- **Activity Summary:** A teacher poses an open-ended, overarching question, and then allows students to have a collaborative discussion using the questioning method with each other. It is inherently collaborative and encourages students to explore multiple facets of difficult topics and acknowledge diverse perspectives, even if they don't agree with them.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Engage students in a Socratic seminar that explores the concept of leadership positions within democratically elected bodies and how those positions should be chosen.

### Media Literacy

**Allsides** - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Democracy only works when 'we the people' are informed. With the overwhelming number of news sources in the modern age, students need to learn how to identify bias either through selection of evidence or through the analysis of it. This lesson helps train them to be critical consumers of information.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Have students follow the Allsides protocols using [this article](#) on the vote to have Rep. Jefferies become the new leader of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives.

### Research

**Research Scavenger Hunt** - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** The teacher develops a scavenger hunt that requires students to respond to specific questions about the Current Event and locate and evaluate content efficiently and thoughtfully.



- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Have students examine both current and historical resources centered around the House Speakership. This will allow students to gain context in understanding the position, as well as its importance, as well as the recent members who have held the position, and the upcoming representative slated to take control in January, 2023.