



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

AGE LIMITS & U.S. SENATOR ELIGIBILITY

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.

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 having students research the arguments for and against laws around age and term limits for federal elected officials, have students create their own Editorial pieces in which they can advocate for their platform on what should, or should not be done at the federal level.

Conversation for Understanding

Four Corners Discussion - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** A discussion technique that has students move around the room to demonstrate their current thought process behind the issues/topics being explored.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Engage students in a Four Corners discussion to get them thinking about the role of U.S. Senators, their eligibility requirements, and what, if anything, should be done to ensure that these elected officials are aligned with the majority views held by the American people.



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 [THIS LINK](#) to engage in the Allsides activity, related to the recent announcement that Sen. Diane Feinstein will not be seeking reelection.

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:** Have students use the various data visualizations presented in [THIS SITE](#), to analyze the demographics of the current U.S. Congress.