



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

CHILD LABOR

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:** Students can research the historical and modern impacts of child labor on the youth class. They can then research the current laws and regulations governing children in the workforce in their state and determine what, if any, modifications need to be made to the current system. From there, students can write editorials on their proposals and findings and submit them to local media outlets.

Conversation for Advocating

Writing & Delivering a Persuasive Speech - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** In a democracy, good ideas aren't enough – you have to persuade others to agree. You have to garner the votes to move an idea forward or it will die in committee. This lesson helps students develop their ideas into solid proposals that win people over.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Similar to the “Write an Editorial” activity, students can follow the same general steps of research and instead of writing an editorial, can write a speech on their proposals and deliver it to their classmates, or ideally, local officials connected to the labor industry and government regulation.



Media Literacy

Evaluating a Source - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students practice critically examining sources. There are many variations of this exercise that align to specific content, this activity attempts to be able to be applied universally, regardless of content/form.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Students can follow the “Evaluating a Source” protocol to examine how articles written about the current state of child labor laws are presenting the issue and framing the arguments being made by those involved in new regulations or proposed updates to existing laws.

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:** A teacher may use the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Fact Sheets ([LINK HERE](#)) to create a scavenger hunt for students, so they may explore and research the laws, regulations, and data centered around children in the workforce and the current laws and regulations aimed to protect them from harm and exploitation.