



# CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

## *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S POWERS*

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

#### 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:** For classes familiar with the U.S. Supreme Court or how judicial decisions are decided, an educator can have a class engage in a Microlab/Triad discussion around the elements at issue in the Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency case. In particular, asking questions such as, "Should the Chevron Doctrine be applied in this case?" or "Should the U.S. Supreme Court be in charge of determining what is and is not a "navigable water way?"

### 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 can read various editorial pieces about the Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency case and evaluate what the different media pieces are trying to accomplish, and how they are going about trying to accomplish it.



# Rhetorical Literacy

## Analysis of Judicial Decisions - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students learn how to describe the basic elements of a judicial decision and examine their own thoughts on the decision and its reasoning.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Students can follow the Judicial Decision Analysis protocol on the Sackett case as soon as it is published by the U.S. Supreme Court.