



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

SECTION 230 (ONLINE IMMUNITY)

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 researching the issues surrounding Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and the cases that were heard by the Supreme Court on the issue, students can write their own editorials on what they believe the Supreme Court should do, and what they believe the U.S. Congress should do or not do to update the statute for the country's new social media environment.

Conversation for Advocating

Silent Debate - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students sit side by side and debate an issue back and forth on the same piece of paper, each writing in their own column. Teachers can assign positions, including role play from the perspectives of historical or current people. This way students work together in an engaging way to identify multiple points of view on an issue.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Students can follow the Silent Debate protocol with the prompt, "Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act is a necessary and vital part of Internet freedom and health."



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:** Using the Allsides post ([LINK HERE](#)), students can engage in the Allsides protocol to see how different political viewpoints are being expressed in the media related to website liability.

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:** Once the Supreme Court publishes their decision on the Gonzalez v Google LLC, presumably in the summer of 2023, students can use the Judicial Decisions Analysis protocol to examine the reasoning behind the court's decision and possible dissenting opinions.