

CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

MODERN DAY MONOPOLY & TRUST BUSTING

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 learning about antitrust concepts, legislation, and the modern day cases appearing in the courts, students can express their own opinion on what should (or should not) be done to address the consolidation of market power and the rise of mega corporations. To do so, students can write their own editorial, either based on others (see Current Events page) or based solely on their background knowledge and learning.

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:** Students can follow the Allsides protocols using the site's [Antitrust](#) webpage.



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:** In an effort to explore the various industries, companies, and types of antitrust actions that are being taken both publicly and privately, students can engage in a Scavenger Hunt. Using the many articles, editorials, and background information links, students can explore what is currently happening in the U.S. to address monopolies.

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 federal antitrust case against Google, that began in September, 2023, has ended, students can use the Analysis of Judicial Decisions lesson to explore the holdings and reasonings behind the court's decision.