



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

THE 14TH AMENDMENT & INSURRECTION

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 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:** Have students follow the Silent Debate protocols after they have had time to review the key elements of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. Students can debate the various elements behind the meaning of Section 3 of the 14th Amendment by including prompts such as "The President of the United States definitely falls under the scope of Section 3." or "Someone must have been convicted of a crime directly related to insurrection or treason in order for Section 3 to apply to the future candidacy to hold public office."

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:** Students can participate in the Four Corners discussion as a preview to diving deeper into the concepts brought up by the Section 3 of the 14th Amendment cases currently being adjudicated against former President Trump.



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 [THIS LINK](#), students can engage in the Allsides protocol to further examine the issues at play with presidential candidacy eligibility and the 14th Amendment.

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 apply the Analysis of Judicial Decisions protocols to the Colorado Supreme Court Case ([LINK HERE](#)).