



Informed Citizen Planning Grid

Gr. 6-8

Activity Name	Objectives	Family Involvement?	Notes
Culminating Activity: I go to the Polls	Students engage in an authentic voting experience.		
Culminating Activity: Use It or Lose It	Students recognize the fragile nature of the right to vote and acknowledge the need to protect that right.		
Decision Making Chart	Students gather and evaluate information to help them make an informed decision.		
Election Accountability	Students gather and track information that pertains to campaign promises.		
Evaluate a Website	Students learn how to become critical consumers of information on the World Wide Web and evaluate a Web site.		
Judging Propaganda	Students learn to identify various forms of propaganda.		
LITERATURE CONNECTION ACTIVITY Landslide! A Kid's Guide to the U.S. Elections by Dan Gutman	Students investigate elections and the voting experience.		
Newspaper Scavenger Hunt	Students identify newspaper sections and evaluate articles to answer specific questions.		
Party Planks	Students examine the concepts of parties and party planks.		
Rate the Candidates	Students carefully study the candidates to make a voting decision.		
Solutions	Students gather information to prepare to vote.		
Watching the Returns	Students monitor the election returns to stay politically active.		