



Informed Citizen Planning Grid

Gr. 9-12

Activity Name	Objectives	Family Involvement?	Notes
Choosing an Issue	Students research an issue of interest to them and write a report about what they learned.		
Connecting with Elected Officials	Students learn how to use social networking sites of Facebook and Twitter and contact elected officials to gather information.		
Culminating Activity: Candidates' Night	Students organize a Candidates' Night at their high school prior to an election.		
The Election of 1800	Students design campaign signs, buttons, and bumper stickers for John Adams, Federalist Party, and Thomas Jefferson, DemocraticRepublican Party.		
In the News: Fact or Fiction?	Students write a newspaper article that incorporates a headline, lead paragraph, body, and conclusion.		
It's Party Time	Students use their knowledge of political parties to analyze the actions of current political leaders.		
Leader or Politician?	Students construct ideal qualities for political leadership to evaluate the qualities of past leaders and current candidates.		
Letter to the Editor	Students write letters to the editor of a local newspaper about a candidate or issue.		
LITERATURE CONNECTION ACTIVITY Presidential Leadership edited by James Taranto and Leonard Leo	Students examine the qualities of effective presidents.		
Political Cartoons	Students analyze symbolism and messages in political cartoons and draw one on a current issue.		
Selling the Candidates	Students analyze candidates' television advertisements to identify techniques of persuasion and fallacies of logic.		
The Public Agenda	Students gather and classify media coverage to determine national, state, and local issues.		