

Kids Voting USA Classroom Activities Summary

Overview

Kids Voting USA's classroom materials are designed to aid teachers in addressing civic learning objectives. The activities are short and engaging and they foster group discussion and the use of critical-thinking skills.

Objectives of the Classroom Activities

- Cultivate information-gathering and decision-making skills
- Develop higher-order thinking skills
- Develop empathy towards others
- Gain a knowledge and appreciation of suffrage, democracy, citizenship, and elections
- Understand and participate in the direct voting process

Kids Voting USA Classroom Activities Themes

- Elections and Voting
- Democracy
- The Right to Vote / Suffrage
- Active Citizenship

Each theme contains the following sections:

- Introduction to Theme - a short description of the theme that includes the theme's main learning objectives
- General Activities - civic learning classroom activities that address specific civic learning objectives
- Overarching Questions - a list of questions related to the main learning objectives
- Literature Connection Activity - an activity that aligns a piece of literature with a civic learning objective
- Culminating Activity - an activity that is a meaningful summarization of the main learning objectives

Activities

Each activity includes the following:

- Objective - what the class will learn from the activity
- Materials – what is needed to successfully complete the activity
- Get Ready - what the teacher and students need to do to prepare for the activity
- Instructions - step-by-step directions leading teachers and students through the activity
- Discussion Questions - questions to further engage students in learning
- More! - additional information and/or activities that can be used to build upon the activity (not found in every activity)

Additional Resources: K-8 and 9-12

Includes an appendix, glossary, and bibliography