

Current Event: The Mechanics of an Election

Make no mistake about it, this is the most. . . action-packed election in recent memory. We have looked at some of the key issues the candidates are debating about, but do we know how they are actually elected? This cycle, we are going to look at the electoral college and some of the major issues with our current form of republican government. Is our system fair for all Americans?

Notes: You should take notes that deal with ALL the causes, problems, and solutions that you see or think of while processing information.

Discussion: Students should be prepared for in class discussions to take place on: **Thursday, October 27.**

To become an informed citizen you should read/take notes/discuss:

- 3 Articles
- 2 Infographic
- 1 Video

Articles

NEWSELA Text Set

<https://newsela.com/text-sets/124579/election-process?new=true>

Election Reform

<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-04-25/voting-reform-is-one-of-americas-biggest-challenges>

Fair Vote - Making Every Vote Count

<http://www.fairvote.org/>

Map - Where Felons Can and Can't Vote

<http://ww2.kqed.org/lowdown/2014/02/26/felon-voting/>

Pros and Cons of Felon Voting

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB109226273333889150>

Common Cause - Voting and Election Issues

<http://www.commoncause.org/issues/voting-and-elections/?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

What can we learn from Canada's elections? (w/videos)

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/36634-what-the-us-can-learn-from-canada-s-experiment-with-electoral-reform>

Voter Identification Laws and Map

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/voter-id.aspx>

In favor of Voter ID Laws

<http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-photo-id-be-required-to-vote/voter-id-laws-protect-the-integrity-of-our-democracy>

Voter ID laws protect against fraud

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/voter-id-laws-are-good-protection-against-fraud/2011/07/08/gIQAGnURBI_story.html?utm_term=.da5bb36f7d4e

Oppose Voter ID Laws

<https://www.aclu.org/other/oppose-voter-id-legislation-fact-sheet?redirect=oppose-voter-id-legislation-fact-sheet>

Voter ID Laws are Designed to Prevent Voting

<http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-photo-id-be-required-to-vote/voter-id-laws-are-designed-to-keep-people-from-voting>

Common Lit Reading - Sign Up Code for Symes Class = 9633

<https://www.commonlit.org/student/9633>

<https://www.commonlit.org/texts/the-american-electoral-process>

A look back at history - Voting Rights Act of 1965

<https://www.commonlit.org/texts/the-voting-rights-act-of-1965>

Video

Election Dysfunction (36:00)

<http://electoraldysfunction.org/classroom/>

Infographics

Voter Suppression

<https://www.aclu.org/facts-about-voter-suppression-infographic>

Who Votes

<https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/b2/fe/4c/b2fe4cc0e4401c0a09d6a6251a356c8f.png>

Know Your Rights on Election Day

http://b.3cdn.net/advancement/56aff072607dd13368_x0m6bcgvs.jpg

Becoming President of the United States

<http://s3.amazonaws.com/libapps/accounts/17478/images/original.jpg>