



Boost Your Classroom Resources for Powerful Civil Discourse

This resource collection provides links to organizations offering a wide range of materials, such as predesigned lesson plans, history game experiences, parental support, media literacy resources, research tools, and more.

AllSides	AllSides is dedicated to promoting a balanced and healthy democratic society through its work. It provides media bias ratings and diverse viewpoints, and it facilitates real conversations. Its mission is to offer people exposure to information and ideas from all ends of the political spectrum, ultimately aiming to enhance understanding of the world and foster better relationships among individuals.
Bill of Rights Institute	The Bill of Rights Institute is a nonprofit civic education organization established in September 1999. It has a network of over 70,000 history and civics educators and offers numerous classroom-ready resources in history and civics. Its mission is to educate students and teachers in civics and empower them to uphold the values of a free and fair society.
Britannica ProCon.org	ProCon.org is a website that gives people both sides of important arguments in a fair and easy-to-understand way. It does this to encourage polite discussions, critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship. The website is free and provides well-researched information using a pro and con format.
Common Sense Media	Common Sense Education gives teachers and students tools to use technology for learning and life. It has a free K–12 digital citizenship curriculum and resources for keeping student information safe.
Constructive Dialogue Institute	This institute turns recent behavioral science findings into practical, evidence-based educational resources. Its main objective is to create scalable tools that help students and teachers to engage in constructive dialogues.

Copyleaks Plagiarism Checker for Students	Copyleaks Plagiarism Checker uses artificial intelligence to detect plagiarism and gives students a detailed report for each assignment to help them learn and improve their skills.
FactCheck.org	FactCheck.org is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that helps voters by reducing deception and confusion in US politics. It fact-checks statements made by prominent political figures in various forms, such as TV ads, debates, speeches, and interviews. Its mission is to combine the standards of journalism and scholarship to enhance public knowledge and understanding.
Foundation for Economic Education	The Foundation for Economic Education offers educational programs, such as webinars and in-person sessions, and classroom resources. It is led by accomplished professors and expert instructors and offers flexibility in topics and scheduling. The programs are designed to be engaging, entertaining, and educational with no cost to the participants.
Harvard University's Project Zero Thinking Routines	This resource contains tools to help students improve their thinking. These tools, called thinking routines, are sets of questions or steps that make thinking easier to understand. Teachers use them to see how students think, and students can use them to notice and use their skills in different situations.
Human Progress	Looking for data, facts, and evidence? Human Progress has collected information from reliable sources to show how the world is changing over time. Its team believes that freedom and openness are important for making life better, and it hopes these facts help people see that. Its goal is to start smart conversations about why the world is improving.
iCivics	iCivics offers a unique digital civic library with over 260 resources, including educational games and tools. These resources empower young people to understand and take on their civic responsibilities. Its engaging materials have enhanced civic knowledge, skills, and attitudes among students.
Let Grow	The Let Grow school programs address the challenge of students lacking independence and engagement in both their school and home lives. These programs encourage parents to get involved in cultivating independence in their children, which can enhance their performance as learners. These programs are free and do not require additional instructional time.

Media Bias/Fact Check	This website provides free educational resources on media bias and critical thinking to empower students and educators. Its creators request that users credit their website when using their materials, as this supports their mission to reach a broader audience and make a more significant impact.
Mission US	Mission US is an educational project that engages middle school students in pivotal events from US history. It's designed for both classroom and independent learning and has a well-researched, award-winning curriculum. The project tackles complex and sensitive historical topics, so teachers and parents are encouraged to review the game content to ensure its appropriateness for their students or children.
Moral Courage College	Moral courage is a practice that brings people together in times of division. It is based on an understanding of human nature and focuses on teaching individuals how to turn challenging issues into constructive conversations and foster positive teamwork.
National Constitution Center	The National Constitution Center offers creative teaching materials for your classroom. It focuses on telling interesting stories from history, asking questions about the Constitution (not politics), and teaching students how to have respectful conversations and think deeply about a subject.
News Literacy Project	The News Literacy Project is a nonprofit group that teaches people in the United States how to be better at understanding and using the news. It helps people become informed, involved, and empowered citizens, which makes our democracy stronger.
Online Inquiry Tool	This online inquiry tool guides users through the process of exploring a controversial topic with the following steps: • Start by formulating a clear claim about the issue. • Identify different perspectives to consider. • Search for reasons supporting and opposing the claim and assess the reliability of the sources. • Synthesize the collected information within your chosen perspective, summarizing key ideas and adding your thoughts to connect the arguments.

Retro Report	Retro Report is a nonprofit journalism organization that offers over 250 short videos to foster engagement and critical thinking skills in classrooms. Its videos are suitable for various subjects, including US history, civics and government, media literacy, world history, psychology, and environmental studies. All its resources, including videos, lessons, and student activities, are entirely free for educators to use.
Right Question Institute's Question Formulation Technique	The Question Formulation Technique is a method that helps generate and refine questions. It takes complex ways of thinking and turns them into a simple and easy-to-use technique.
Sphere Classroom Resources	The Sphere Education Initiatives provide nonpartisan lesson plans, questions for discussions, videos, and articles to support civil discourse in the classroom.
Stanford University's Civic Online Reasoning	Students can have difficulty knowing if online information is trustworthy. The Civic Online Reasoning curriculum offers free lessons and tests to help educators teach students how to evaluate online information.
Stossel in the Classroom's Both Sides of the Issue	The Both Sides of the Issue online video series is designed to assist educators in teaching balanced lessons about current important topics. These video packages showcase opposing arguments along with discussion questions, giving students different viewpoints and promoting open discussions and critical thinking in the classroom.