

# CivxNow

A PROJECT OF iCIVICS

Welcome to our back-to-school resource showcase, where our CivxNow partners have come together under the guidance of the Center for Civic Education to offer a special collection of educational tools and programs. This collaborative effort celebrates the beginning of the school year and emphasizes the importance of civic learning.

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## AllSides

- **Resource Highlight: Using AI in your Classroom**  
AllSides Technologies offers a variety of educational materials designed to enhance civic understanding and engagement. [Discover their resources here.](#)
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## AMERICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (AHEF)

- **Resource: America's Heritage: An Adventure in Liberty**  
This is a comprehensive educational resource designed to deepen students' understanding of American history, heritage, and values. This program provides lesson plans, activities, and materials that bring the foundational principles of American democracy to life. [Discover this resource here.](#)
- **Resource: America's Heritage: An Experiment in Self-Government**  
This resource offers educators a valuable resource for teaching the principles of democratic governance in the United States. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Resource: Blog**  
AHEF's blog provides educators, students, and history enthusiasts with insightful articles and discussions on topics related to American heritage, history, and civic education. The blog is a platform for exploring various facets of American democracy, including historical events, influential figures, and contemporary issues in civic education. [To access this blog click here.](#)



## Center for Civic Education

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- **Event: Project Citizen Webinar (September 5th, 6 pm CT)**  
Discover the new edition of Project Citizen: Community Engagement in Public Policy, aimed at middle and high school students, in an upcoming webinar. [Join the webinar here.](#)
- **Resource: Back to School Basics**  
This guide offers practical advice on integrating civic learning into the curriculum, engaging students in meaningful discussions about their roles in democracy, and fostering a strong foundation for active citizenship. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Resource: The Constitution Explained**  
Designed to make this foundational document accessible to students and educators alike, it breaks down the key elements and principles of the Constitution, including its structure, functions, and the rights it guarantees. [Discover more here.](#)



### EARTH FORCE

- **Environmental Education Resources**  
Earth Force provides resources to empower students in leading environmental change. [Access their materials here.](#)



## FACING HISTORY & OURSELVES

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- **Event: Back-to-School Toolkit: Teaching Strategies and Resources for the School Year**

Access a flexible professional development session to explore teaching strategies and resources aimed at building community and connection in the classroom. [Get access to this event here](#)

- **Resource: Building Community and Connection**

This resource provides strategies and tools for creating meaningful connections with students and building a strong classroom community. It emphasizes the importance of establishing a positive learning environment where students feel valued and engaged, setting the stage for effective teaching and learning throughout the school year. [Explore this toolkit here.](#)

- **Resource: Back to School Professional Development for Teachers**

This resource offers educators a range of virtual professional development opportunities to prepare for the new school year. These sessions focus on enhancing teaching practices, exploring new strategies for engaging students, and integrating civic education into the curriculum. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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iCivics

- **Event: Webinar for Educators (August 21st, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET)**

Prepare for the upcoming school year with iCivics' free webinar featuring Natacha Scott, Director of Educator Engagement. This session offers an introduction to iCivics' enhanced website, a preview of new election resources, and instructional materials to inspire the next generation of civic leaders. [Register now to join the webinar.](#)

- **Election Resource**

The iCivics Election Resources page provides educators with a wealth of materials to teach students about the electoral process and its importance in democracy. This resource includes interactive lessons, engaging activities, and comprehensive tools to help students understand how elections work, from candidate selection to voting procedures. [Discover more here.](#)

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KQED

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- **Event: Ongoing Educator Online PD**  
Engage in self-paced professional development opportunities focused on youth voice, media making, and civic learning through KQED's online platform. [Find out more here.](#)
- **Teaching Resources**  
This platform includes resources for integrating media literacy, current events, and civic education into the curriculum. With a focus on promoting critical thinking and media skills, KQED provides valuable content and strategies to help teachers enhance their instructional practices and connect with students in meaningful ways. [Discover more here.](#)
- **Resource: KQED Youth Media Projects**  
The KQED Youth Media page showcases a range of projects and resources created by and for students. This platform highlights student-produced media, including videos, podcasts, and articles, that explore diverse topics and offer insights into the perspectives of young people. [Click here to find out more.](#)



**Life Stories**

Individual Lives. Collective Impact.

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- **Resource: Obama: A More Perfect Union**  
Access documentary films and educational resources like "Obama: A More Perfect Union," fostering a deeper understanding of historical and civic themes. [Explore more at Life Stories.](#)
- **Resource: The Thread**  
"The Thread" series from Life Stories features compelling episodes with prominent figures such as Mitt Romney, Martin Sheen, Father Greg Boyle, and Darren Walker. This series explores personal narratives and insights from influential leaders, offering valuable perspectives on social issues, leadership, and community impact. [Find out more here.](#)

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**New**  
**American**  
**History**

**New American History, The University of Richmond**

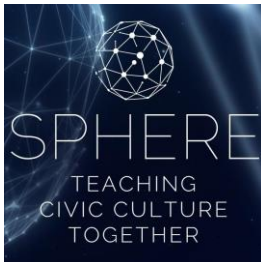
- **Resource: Interactive Map for Teaching Presidential Elections**  
New American History has launched an interactive map and learning resources designed to help teach about presidential elections. [Check out the map here.](#)
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OPERATION: Grow.Inc.

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- **Event: School Supplies Drive (August 29)**  
Support the academic success of students in North Newark by contributing to Operation Grow Inc.'s school supplies drive. [Learn how you can help here.](#)
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### **SPHERE EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

- **Event: Back to School Webinar (August 21, 7:30 pm ET)**  
Join Sphere Education for the third part of their Summer with Sphere series, focusing on equipping educators with tools and strategies to foster civil discourse in the classroom. Learn about the new Civil Discourse Toolkit and Election Hub. [Register for the webinar here.](#)
  - **Resource: Civil Discourse Toolkit for Middle School Teachers**  
This toolkit includes lesson plans, activities, and guidelines designed to help students develop critical thinking skills and engage in meaningful discussions about complex issues. It aims to create a classroom environment where civil discourse is encouraged and students learn to navigate differing perspectives constructively. [Click here to access the toolkit.](#)
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## THE CIVIC CENTER

- **Campaign: High School Voter Registration Week (September 23rd-27th)**  
Join The Civics Center in celebrating Voter Registration Week, a campaign to encourage excitement around voter registration. [Explore the campaign here.](#)
  - **Resource: Voter Registration Toolkits By State**  
These toolkits include detailed guides, checklists, and educational materials designed to help educators, students, and community members navigate the voter registration process. [Click here to access the toolkit.](#)
  - **Resource: How to Run a Voter Registration Drive**  
This resource includes practical tips, planning templates, and promotional materials to help individuals and organizations effectively engage their communities in the voter registration process. It's designed to empower educators, students, and community leaders to facilitate voter registration drives and increase voter participation in their areas. [Discover more here.](#)
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## WISCONSIN CIVIC LEARNING COALITION

- **Event: Teaching about Elections Conference**  
Connect with teachers and explore high-quality resources at the semi-annual Teaching about Elections Conference at UW Madison. [Learn more and register here.](#)
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## YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YLI)

- **Event: Constitution/Democracy Day (September 17th)**  
In celebration of Constitution/Democracy Day, YLI is promoting healthy civil discourse on topics facing our democracy from September 16-20. [Explore more at YLI.](#)
- **Event: 2024 National Mock Election (October 21st-31st)**

Allow students to participate in a simulated election with YLI's 2024 National Mock Election, fostering an understanding of civic engagement. [Learn more about the mock election here.](#)

- **Resource: Talking Turkey: Introduction**

Engage students in thoughtful discussions on significant social and political topics with YLI's "Talking Turkey: Introduction" lesson plan. [Discover the resource here.](#)