



Recommended Civic Education Resources

The internet is replete with strong resources to bolster a curriculum. We'd bet you're already familiar with many of these but thought a shortlist might be helpful. Know of others we should add? Let us know at futureofthecity@seventy.org.

About Government, Voting and Elections

Citizens, Not Spectators: Program to increase voting rate among young people by providing voter education to students in grades 4-12. Includes resources for students (election timeline and how to vote) and lesson plans for teachers. [Check it out.](#)

iCivics: Includes an assortment of games and lesson plans designed to teach students how government works through online role playing. [Check it out.](#)

Kids in the House: Information on Congress, with resources for students and teachers, all provided by the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. [Check it out.](#)

Kids.gov's "How to Become President": Kids.gov offers overviews of the branches of government and how to become president includes explanations Constitutional requirements for the office, primaries and caucuses, and the Electoral College. [Check it out.](#) More at USA.gov.

Scholastic's "If you were the President": Students select three cabinet members, balance a budget, and explain why they made those choices. [Check it out.](#)

Seize the Vote: This voting rights game from the National Constitution Center has students compete with up to four players. [Check it out.](#)

Vote Smart: Includes K-12 classroom lessons plans and activities on a variety of topics, e.g., voter registration, campaign finance, special interest groups, legislation. [Check it out.](#) [Vote Smart](#) also has helpful information on candidates or elected officials including bios, voting records, positions, ratings, speeches, and campaign funding.

Youth Leadership Initiative: Includes lesson plans, E-Congress (an interactive online legislative simulation), a mock election simulation, and a simulated senatorial campaign. [Check it out.](#)

Focused on Law and the Judicial System

Bill of Rights Institute: Includes resources for students and teachers about the Bill of Rights. [Check it out.](#)



Citizenship Quiz: Students can take a short version or a 96-question “full-length Citizenship Quiz,” both based on the U.S. government test and produced by the History Channel.

[Check it out.](#)

Courts in the Classroom: Animated videos explain civil rights, the role of the judicial branch and landmark cases. Students can take quizzes; also includes lesson plans for teachers. [Check it out.](#)

Scholastic’s “Constitution Game”: Students match excerpts of the Constitution with the correct section (Preamble, Articles I-VII, Bill of Rights, and Additional Amendments). [Check it out.](#)

United States Courts: Includes educational resources, activities, explanations of landmark Supreme Court cases, provided by uscourts.gov. [Check it out.](#)

Online Videos

“Crash course U.S. Government and Politics” on YouTube: Over 40 videos ranging in length from 7-10 minutes. Topics include the legislative process, presidential power, election basics, political campaigns, separation of powers, federalism, political parties, etc. [Check it out.](#)

Khan Academy: Dozens of videos, articles guided tutorials on US history, spanning from the 16th century through the present. [Check it out.](#) [AP US History resources](#) are also available.

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