

Teaching Resources from Maryland Civic Education Coalition Partner Organizations

Resource	Description	Notes	Age Group
CIRCLE: 24 Ways to Grow Voters Before 2024	List of 24 methods to support youth voters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes links to other resources • Give ideas that could be used in class, but not in great detail 	N/A
CIRCLE: Growing Voters	The CIRCLE Growing Voters report presents a transformative approach to cultivating the upcoming generation of voters through extensive research and a unique survey of teenagers. It offers practical advice for a broad audience, including educators, policymakers, journalists, and families, emphasizing the collective responsibility in voter development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes an educator guide • Guide has “what” “why” and “how” categories for each suggestion • Includes videos for educators with ideas • Also contains guides for other groups (parents, journalists, etc) 	N/A
The Civic Circle: Votes for Women	This lesson plan designed for Grades 3-5 explores women's suffrage from the perspective of Native American and African American women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporates music 	Elementary School
CivXNow	CivXNow has compiled a list of resources for teaching about elections from their coalition partners.		
iCivics: Election Headquarters	Lesson plans to teach about elections and voting, the presidential election, state and local elections. Also has webquests and games to play about elections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One webpage that links to all of their election lesson plans • Have to register for a (free) account to view lesson plans 	K-12

<p>League of Women Voters of Montgomery County: Registering to Vote and What Comes Next</p>	<p>This video gives a brief history of voting rights in the US, includes an explanation of the League of Women Voters, discusses the importance of voting, and explains the voting process in Maryland, including how to register, when, where, and how to vote, what to expect at a polling place, and how to be an informed voter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The video is 19 minutes in length • The video includes examples from Montgomery County 	<p>High School</p>
<p>Maryland Center for History and Culture</p>	<p>The Maryland Center for History and Culture offers a variety of lessons and activities for students of all ages. The digital learning resources include lessons on Maragret Brent (K-4) and the 15th Amendment (8-12). Lesson 3 of The Black Freedom Struggle during the Civil War Video Lesson Package focuses on the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. The historical investigation portal contains resources on the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement in Maryland, as well as the Constitution. The digital collection provides access to primary source material related to elections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Black Freedom Struggle during the Civil War Video Lesson Package is free, but requires you to fill out a google form to request access. 	<p>K-12</p>
<p>MD Council for Civic and History Education</p>	<p>The MD Council for Civic and History Education has a Civil Discourse Toolkit with lesson plans on the history of political parties and a short video lecture by Dr. Lester Brooks and lesson plans for middle school asking students whether the voting age should be lowered.</p>		
<p>National Constitution Center</p>	<p>Module 13, "Voting Rights in America," of the 15 module Constitution 101 curriculum explores the history of who could, and couldn't, vote throughout American history. This module includes primary sources, videos, and student activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution 101 is a self-paced, semester-long, curriculum • The Voting Rights in America module is broken into 7 parts 	<p>High School</p>

Street Law, Inc.	Street Law has several voting themed lesson plans that ask students to use deliberation: Should Voting Be Compulsory for high school, middle school , or elementary school ; “ Should the Electoral College be abolished? ”; and “ Should democracies enact laws that require their political representation to match their gender, racial, and ethnic composition? ”. There is also an interactive timeline with six inquiry packs that focuses on voting and a lesson plan on gerrymandering .		High School, Middle School, Elementary School
Teaching for Democracy (through CIRCLE) : Instructions for Elections and Voting	Contains short descriptions and links to various lesson plans about voting and elections. Lesson plans from iCivics, Facing History, AFT, NCSS, Bites Media, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, Illinois Civics Club, The Civics Center, PBS NewsHour, Close Up, Mikva Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson plans grouped by category and have a brief description 	

Other Voting and Election Resources

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The Civic Center	Training, data, and resources to support high school voter registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy in a Box • District-level Data • Cap, Gown & Ballot 	High school
PBS Kids Let's Vote!	Activities and articles to help parents and early education teachers talk about elections and foster civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources sorted by age groups: 2-5 and 6-8 • Activities include crafts, printables, & online games 	Early education & primary grades
NextGen America	Support and resources to mobilize youth voters through texting, callbank campaigns, and social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get-out-the-vote training • Tech platform to connect with potential voters • Nonpartisan, but progressive values 	Youth voters ages 18-35

New Voters	Primarily focused on peer-to-peer high school voter registration drives where relationships ensure effectiveness. Also engaging young people in policy formulation and implementation, political research, and civic technological development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship & training • State-specific guides • School partnerships 	High school
PA Youth Vote	Resources for teens, teachers, and advocates to strengthen voter registration and civic education in high schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & teacher resources such as slides to teach local, state & national offices and candidates • Resources limited to Pennsylvania 	High school
270toWin	An interactive Electoral College map that allows users to create their own election outcome scenarios, helpful for understanding the impact of different states on election results.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains ads 	
Kids Voting USA	Provides resources for conducting mock elections in educational settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online platform to simulate elections • Lesson plans for various ages 	Elementary & secondary
BallotReady	Provides comprehensive, nonpartisan information on candidates and ballot measures for every level of U.S. elections.		Upper elementary & secondary
PolitiCraft	PolitiCraft is an "action civics" card game that uses storytelling to explore civic engagement. Players choose civic issues and discover pathways to effect change in their communities.		High school
Youth Leadership Institute Mock Election	YLI conducts the largest secure, student-only, online mock election in the nation, using electronic ballots tailored to each student's home legislative district.		
C-SPAN Classroom	C-SPAN Classroom offers structured lesson plans that examine a variety of topics and are supplemented with video clips of related C-SPAN programming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign Fundraising • History of Gerrymandering • Models of Democracy 	High school



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