

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASSROOM

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As educators, we want our students to be well-informed about the events happening in the world around them, and administrators, parents, and students often look to us to discuss major events occurring in the nation.

How do we have these discussions in a way that is authentic to the curriculum? Moreover, as the United States becomes more polarized in its political opinions, discussing current events in the classroom can be difficult and contentious. How do we have these discussions whilst maintaining respect for all political points of view? This meeting will explore these topics through structured discussions and small group breakouts.

In small groups, we will explore the following questions:

- How do we authentically integrate current events into our curriculum?
- How do we create a classroom environment in which different perspectives and points of view can be expressed without fear of judgement?
- How can the teacher skillfully facilitate current event discussions in a way that promotes student learning and fosters an inclusive classroom culture?

The workshop is appropriate to 6th-12th grade teachers.

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