Extend the Resources

* The 117th Congress -

Below are a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided on this Classroom Law Project resource page to extend learning and civic engagement for your students:

***Start with Choice & Inquiry:***

Each of the sections on this Current Event Resource Page connect to the topic of Impeachment in different ways. There is a topic that will reach any student’s interest. Give students the opportunity to choose a topic or connection of interest and start with that.

**Extensions with the Articles/Editorials:**

* News Analysis worksheets (handout on current event page)
* Further News Research (Research Tips handout on current event page)
* Annotated summaries of articles
* Socratic discussions with shared article texts

**Extensions:**

* Dig more deeply into the **Essential Questions** in this Current Event about the political process of swearing in a new body of legislators. How has this been affected by the coronavirus pandemic? What unique and urgent problems will the 117th Congress face that others before then did not face?
* **Compare and contrast** the changing make-up of the 117th Congress with others of the past. What trends do we see? To what can we attribute these changes? How will the changes in representation affect the nature of the laws this Congress is ultimately responsible for making?
* **Multiple Perspectives:** Consider the circumstances under which this new Congress will be convening. How will they be able to come together and address the dire social and economic problems facing the nation under the pandemic. Will the diverse make-up of this new Congress help or hinder them?