

2020 Election and Civic Participation



Below you'll find a one-stop-shop to help you teach your students about voting and civic participation, no matter their age. Don't miss our [PBS Electoral Decoder](#), which allows students to learn more about the electoral college and predict the outcome of the 2020 election. Share your predictions among your class, in your school and with classrooms across the country—a great way to build excitement and understanding about the upcoming election.

Best For	Type	Description
PreK-K	Videos	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood explains how voting works , shows students how adults vote when they are at the voting booth, and how voting can make a difference .
PreK-2	Videos	Students can watch ARTHUR, The Election the week of October 26 on pbskids.org and discover how to overcome obstacles in order to take civic action for causes they care about.
3-8	Video	A short video explaining the importance of midterm elections and how they can impact a sitting president with discussion questions and vocabulary to share with your students.
6-12	Collection	Above the Noise: Elections & Civics dives into debates over policy and the role of government in our lives.
6-12	Collection	Discover PBS LearningMedia Election Central , our comprehensive election collection that includes election news, the history and process of presidential elections, voting rights resources, and prompts for classroom debates.
6-12	Collection	16 for '16: The Contenders : From Shirley Chisholm to Howard Dean, examine the most compelling and influential presidential campaigns from the past 50 years.
6-12	Collection	We the Voters is a nonpartisan digital project featuring short films to activate voters across the country. Use these videos to provide a fresh, engaging perspective on democracy, elections, governance and debating.
7-12	Video and Collection	Unladylike 2020 honors the centennial of women's suffrage. The full collection features video shorts about dozens of women, including Martha Hughes Cannon , Charlotta Spears Bass and Jeannette Rankin , who all played pivotal roles in our U.S. Government.

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9-12	Collection	Educators can use America From Scratch (and its discussion guides) to engage the most important issues of the day, and to encourage critical thinking and promote civic engagement with their students
9-12	Collection	Explore some of the complex issues, court rulings and personalities that are shaping U.S. democracy in the Frontline Election Resource Collection .
9-12	Collection	POV's lesson plans offer rigorous entry-points to the study of civic duty and elections. And She Could Be Next , a 2-part documentary from POV, questions whether democracy can be preserved and profiles the women warriors who are on the frontlines of American politics.
K-12	Collection & pbs.org resources	Vote Democracy engages students in discussions about democracy abroad , elections, third-party politics , gender , the role of dissent in democracy and media literacy.
K-12	Collection	The U.S. Presidency explores the rich history and the institution of the U.S. Presidency—from George Washington to Barack Obama.
Educators	Blog Post	This blog post highlights the true story of the Women's Suffrage Movement , and challenges educators to reimagine how they teach this topic.
Educators	Blog Post	Engaging Students in the Elections dives into the Youth Media Challenge: Let's Talk About Election 2020 , a classroom project that challenges students to make media, share with peers across the country and take on issues that are important to them.
Educators	Blog Post	Discover how one U.S. Government teacher engaged his class in the 2016 election- in an "Age of Hate," Part I & Part II .