

CIVICS EDUCATION: EMBRACING OUR SHARED HUMANITY

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

The events of the past year have made all of us rethink the role of education in preparing our children for an increasingly complex world. The need to expand civics education has found overwhelming bipartisan support in a year that saw deep divisions in the electorate and record voter turnout.

During this Meet Up, we'll explore how civics education can be woven throughout the curriculum to foster the competencies students need to be empathetic, engaged citizens in our often-messy democracy.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Explore tools and strategies for cultivating the knowledge and skills students need to engage in civil discourse.
- ▶ Exchange ideas on how we can reach across disciplines to make media literacy an integral part of the curriculum.
- ▶ Consider how best to nurture student voice and celebrate students' roles as not only content consumers, but also content creators.

RESOURCES

- ▶ Powerful Civics Education: It's Everyone's Responsibility (May 14, 2021 panel discussion hosted by the Commonwealth Club of California)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eH0Un07_-c
- ▶ *Critical Media Literacy and Popular Culture in ELA Classrooms* (James R. Squire Office of the National Council of Teachers of English Policy Brief by Jamila Lyiscott, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Nicole Mirra, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; and Antero Garcia, Stanford University)
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