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Resources

Apps/Games

NewsFeed Defenders

NewsFeed Defenders is a challenging game designed to

sharpen students' news literacy skills. In *Newsfeed Defenders*, students will: join a fictional social media site focused on news and information; learn elements of high-quality journalism and markers of deceptive posts; spot dubious posts that sneak in through hidden ads, viral deception and false reporting.

Fast and easy way for teachers and business leaders to make a trivia game that everyone will love.

VerifyIt

VerifyIt! Is a free online civics, voting, and news literacy game designed to help young adults be thoughtful readers, informed voters and enlightened citizens who participate fully in our democratic system. The game is easily played on mobile phones, computers, or tablets.

Instagram

League of Women Voters Oakland @lwvoak

Print Media

Books

Democracy: A Case Study by David Moss; Democracy's 19 case studies take us from James Madison and Alexander Hamilton's debates in the run up to the Constitutional Convention to Citizens United. They were honed in Moss's popular and highly influential course at the Harvard Business School and are now being taught in high schools across the country.

Registration Links

- Register to Vote
 - Acvote.org
 - o Vote.ca.gov
 - o Youthvotermovement.org
- Voter Registration Status
 - Vote.org

Register, check status, check voting station locations

- o Voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
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Video Links

Boys State

A 2020 American documentary film, directed, and produced by Jesse Moss and Amanda McBaine. It follows a thousand teenage boys attending Boys State in Texas, coming to build a representative government from the ground up. (I hour, 49 minutes)

Apple TV

History of Voting!

Contemporary, effective, engaging video with Perez Hilton/John Legend about History of Voting in U.S. (3 minutes, 35 seconds) YouTube

Oakland Youth Vote

The Oakland Youth Vote Coalition aims to secure voting rights for 16 and 17 year old Oakland students so they can hold those who run their school district accountable to their needs.

Suppressed, the Fight to Vote

A short, powerful documentary about the growing threat of voter suppression to our 2020 election. Links to the <u>film trailer</u> and <u>discussion guide</u>. (40 minutes) YouTube

Trailer: ALL IN: The Fight For Democracy

Filmmakers Liz Garbus and Lisa Cortes examine the history of voter suppression and the activists who fight for the rights of U.S. citizens, starring Stacey Abrams. (2:56 minutes) Amazon Prime Video

Yara Shahidi on Why Voting in Midterm Elections Is So Important

Why is Voting in Midterm Elections so Important? Dynamic video with Yara Shahidi, actress, model and activist.

(3 minutes 11 seconds) YouTube

YelloPain - My Vote Don't Count

"My Vote Don't Count" by YelloPain breaks down the United States government and encourages people to vote because our votes do count. The rising rapper uses the song to educate and restore hope to those who feel unseen and unheard by the political process.

(3 minutes, 48 seconds) YouTube

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Websites

Top Four and California Voter Websites!

League of Women Voters Oakland

- Recently updated dynamic website highlights the exceptional work of Oakland's gem of an organization of women and men who want to make a difference in the political future of our country: a diverse, non-partisan, political group with a long-standing tradition of educating voters.
- Check out the latest news on Instagram: @lwvoak

Youth Voter Movement (YVM):

- Invaluable local/national resource.
- Website provides extensive resources for student voter registration and education initiatives. For educators, students, and parents. YVM is a non-partisan group, dedicated to ensuring youth have a voice in the future of this country by making sure they register to vote and then vote.
- **Online voter registration available on this site.
- Note: Please acknowledge Youth Voter Movement when using their materials for presentations.

<u>Energizing Young Voters</u>: Energizing Young Voters (EYV) is an initiative of the *League of Women Voters*, which envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. EYV Website offers information, resources and teaching modules focused on informing and encouraging civic action among young people ages 18-29.

Vote 411

The League of Women Voters Vote411 provides election information and links to register to vote, check your registration, find out what's on your ballot and find your polling place.

California Voter Websites

Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ACROV):

- Register to vote.
- Classes on completing voter registration.
- Voter-related COVID-19 updates.
- ACROV Presentation: How to Register to Vote Online

California Secretary of State

Comprehensive information about becoming a paid poll worker; section focused on high school poll workers.

California Online Voter Registration website



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Election and Voter Information, California Secretary of State:

Links to register to vote, upcoming election information, voter status, tracking your mail in voter ballot, translated election information, county elections contact offices, voter information guides and other helpful resources.

Find Ballot Drop Box Locations

Find Voting Locations

Power the Polls

First-of-its-kind initiative to recruit poll workers to ensure a safe, fair election for all voters. Power the Polls addresses the need for low risk and diverse poll workers who can staff in-person voting locations during early voting and on Election Day.

Register to vote:

- Check your registration status
- Get your absentee ballot
- Fast, free, easy, secure, nonpartisan

Rock the Vote:

Comprehensive voter information website.

Voter Guide

Voter Information Guide

Voter Status, California Secretary of State

Check if you are already registered to vote.

Where's My Ballot, California Secretary of State:

- All California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope for the upcoming election.
- All voters can now get critical updates on their ballot status through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool. Signing up takes less than three minutes!



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Youth Voter Data

Circle.tufts

CIRCLE, the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, is a non-partisan, independent research organization focused on youth civic engagement in the United States. CIRCLE conducts extensive research on youth participation and leverages that research to improve opportunities for all young people to acquire and use the skills and knowledge they need to meaningfully participate in civic life.