

# **Classroom Law Project**

## Support for Civics Education in Oregon



## Which game represents back-to-school for you?



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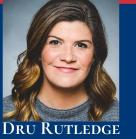
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We Support Teachers with Civics Education Because:

**Classroom Law Project's Why** 

- Students need to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them for a life of informed, intentional participation in their communities.
- Students want to be active participants in their communities, and civic education teaches them how to do that in a positive way.
- Student of *every* age enjoy authentic civics engagement!

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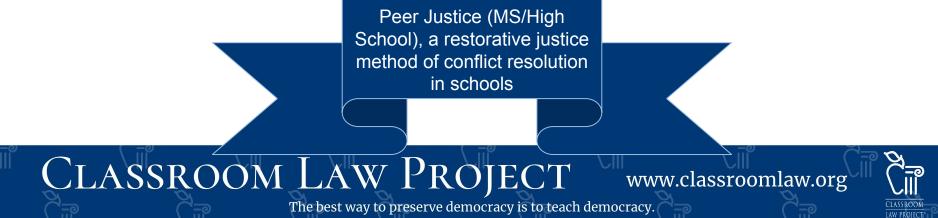
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# **Our Programs**

- Weekly Current Events
- Community Action Projects
- Mock Trial
- We the People and the Constitution
- Courthouse Tours
- Street Law (High School)
- Town Hall Simulations

- Elections Curriculum
- Moot Court
- Law Day (High School)
- Oregon Civics Conference (teachers)
- CLP Summer Institute (teachers)
- And a variety of methods and resources such as our Structured Academic Controversy!



# **Town Hall Overview**

Classroom Law Project Offers a variety of ready-made Townhall Simulations that can be used to teach students the skills of tolerance, respectful speech, empathy, and how to have a civil discussion.

You can use any one of these Townhall simulations and revise them to meet your own community's issues, or design one of your own based off of these various models.

CLP has Town Halls prepared for all grade levels

# We the People Overview

- An active learning curriculum designed to foster deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the institutions of government
- Culminates in a simulated congressional hearing in which students testify before a panel, answering essential Constitutional questions that demonstrate their knowledge and confidence.
- Aligns with 5th Grade Civics standards
- Founded and designed by The Center for Civic Education

# Community Action Projects (CAPs) Overview

- Inquiry-based student action program to be adapted to the needs of individual classrooms
- Students research and collaborate together to develop new policies around issues that are important to them in their communities
- CAPs are meant to result in students' interactions with policymakers, public presentations of their work, and implementation of real-world policies/programs
- Participating classes can choose to present their work at CLP's annual Community Action Projects Showcase each spring
- All grade levels

# **Mock Trial in the Classroom Overview**

Similar to the extracurricular Mock Trial competition program, in Mock Trial in the Classroom students use a mock court case and play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and court officers while learning the lasting skills of public speaking, teamwork, research, collaboration, civil and criminal legal concepts, and civic engagement. It is a way to bring the law alive for students and to give them a voice in what otherwise might seem like a very distant judicial system.

CLP has Mock Trials for all grade levels

## **Current Events**

Weekly current events are a great way to begin with student civic engagement!

- Our curated current events are delivered to your inbox weekly
- We strive to find topics of high interest with articles, videos and other resources to support classroom learning for all grade levels
- CLP Current Events includes strategies of how to use the resources in your classroom, with essential questions and lesson extensions
- You can <u>sign up</u> to receive our weekly Current Events emails





Current Events: 2021-2022 Supreme Court Term



Current Events: 2021 Voter Redistricting



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Middle East Conflict: Israel and Palestine



Celebrating the Class of 2021



2020 Census Results



Vaccine "Passport" Debate

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# **Civics Essential Question:**

# How should we live together?



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# What is Civics in the Classroom?



In your table groups:

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- 1. Discuss what civics is- write definition on the giant sheet of paper provided.
  - a. Then, what does this look like in a classroom? Use different color markers to write short phrases, draw images, or give examples of what civics in the classroom looks like.

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# **Defining Civics Education**

CLP's preferred definition of "Civics Education"

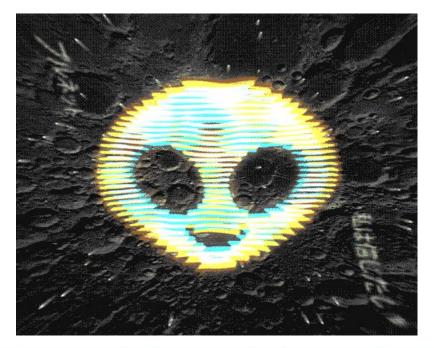
Civics education is the study of the theoretical, political and practical aspects of community membership, as well as its rights and duties.





# **Aliens! Exploring our Rights**

Read through the article together for understanding: What has happened? Where? Who is impacted?



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# Oh NO!

The Aliens think you have too many rights!

In groups, open the envelopes and read over the rights the Aliens perceive that you have.

With your group, decide which 3 rights you are willing to give up. Be prepared to share your answer and your group's process for making that decision.



# Questions

CLP can be your civics educational partner moving forward:

What questions do you have at this time about programs, curriculum, or something presented today?





