Classrooms as a Space for Equity

Suggested Resources

3 Practices to Promote Equity in the Classroom: https://www.edutopia.org/blog/practices-promote-equity-in-classroom-shane-safir
Tips to engage all students equitably in classroom activities, track their participation and restructure discussions so that everyone gets a turn.

Tracking the Discussion
• C=On Task Comment
• Q/?=Asks a Higher Order Question
• P=Prompt
• X=Off topic/Talking over someone
• E=Provides evidence from the reading/research

Grades:
• No comments, no ‘X’=70
• One on task comment, question, or evidence=80
• Two on task comments, questions, or pieces of evidence=90
• Three or more on task comments, questions, or pieces of evidence=100
• Each X=5 points off.

9thEvermore: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeKP_JERqsYh-rj9DqpMUgQ
YouTube channel for John Arthur’s class where the students have posted videos in response to inequities they see in the world.

CNN10: https://www.cnn.com/cnn10
CNN 10 is an on-demand news roundup on current events for use on the go or in the classroom

DC’s The People’s Library: https://www.dclibrary.org/thepeoplesarchive
Connecting you to unique resources that illustrate the District of Columbia’s local history and culture. Your local libraries, archives, and museums have a number of resources for you to use. Check them out as well!
Eagle Eye Citizen: https://eagleeyecitizen.org/
Eagle Eye Citizen is a freely available resource designed to help middle and high school students think critically about civic participation, Congress, and American history using primary sources from the Library of Congress.

Global Oneness: https://www.globalonenessproject.org/
Through our immersive storytelling and curricula, we explore the deeper issues facing humanity.

Go West! Then Back to the Future.: https://blog.library.si.edu/blog/2022/01/07/go-west-then-back-to-the-future/#more-
A 1893 Columbian Exposition lesson description used to motivate students in better understanding where popular history narratives come from to better predict where they are going.

KidCitizen: https://www.kidcitizen.net/
KidCitizen’s interactive episodes have children explore civics and government concepts by investigating primary source photographs from the Library of Congress.

Kidizenship’s Watch Us Rise: https://www.watchusraise.com/
Newsletter that connects Kidizenship’s content, publishing the story of young citizens coming of age, overcoming challenges, and listening to each other while making themselves heard— all of it produced by Gen Z contributors and an amazing team of young editors.

National Geographic Society Educator Resources:
https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/
Explore educational opportunities that ignite the spirit of exploration and bring the wonder of the world to learners.

National Park Services: https://www.nps.gov/teachers/index.htm
National parks are America’s largest classrooms. Find lesson plans about these great places.

Newsela: https://newsela.com/about/products/social-studies/
Get lesson-ready videos and inquiries to make social studies instruction more relevant and engaging about historical and current events
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**Own Your Own History:** [https://www.ownyourhistory.us/](https://www.ownyourhistory.us/)
In-depth modules and corresponding multimedia resource supplements covering US History. Sources used are free under a Creative Commons license.

**Smithsonian Learning Lab:** [https://learninglab.si.edu/](https://learninglab.si.edu/)
An interactive platform for discovering millions of authentic digital resources, creating content with online tools, and sharing in the Smithsonian's expansive community of knowledge and learning.

**Smithsonian's TweenTribune:** [https://www.tweentribune.com/](https://www.tweentribune.com/)
To find age-appropriate news stories that will interest students in Grades K-12.

**Teaching for Change:** [https://www.teachingforchange.org/](https://www.teachingforchange.org/)
Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write, and change the world.