



Participation in Government

Encyclopedias - Good source for background information. Gives a good scope of the topic with the important terms, the players and different issues.

Encyclopedia Americana: Best encyclopedia to use for topics about the United States.

Databases - A collection of information about many topics.

SIRS: Database that contains information organized by topic, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, government documents, graphics and cartoons.

EBSCO: Explores social, political and economic issues, scientific discoveries and other popular classroom topics. Use this to find very recent articles about your topic.

Internet Sites - These sites have a broad array of education materials that explain policy issues in a balanced and easy-to-understand way.

Public Agenda - This is an awesome site. Has guides to issues that include a listing of the 'players' and their contact info, digest of news, legislation, studies, polls and research sources.

Social Issues: This directory was created for high school students researching social issues from multiple perspectives. Another great site to start researching on the web.

ProCon.org: "We promote critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship. Our sites present controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, primarily pro-con format."

On the Issues: This site shows how each candidate or legislator stands on the various issues. Can search by candidate or issue.

Yahoo! News Full Coverage - This site is great for giving you current articles as well as significant web sites about your topic.

Google Directory of Social Issues - Google has put together a directory of websites on social issues. This saves alot of time searching for sites.

Multimedia Content

NPR.org: NPR (National Public Radio) is an internationally acclaimed producer and distributor of noncommercial news, talk, and entertainment programming. Great place to hear the players in an issue debate different positions.

welfare reform example

Web 2.0 - Some cool, easy to use tools for a presentation.

Animoto: Make your own music video! See welfare reform example

VoiceThread: Tell a Digital Story! See welfare reform example

Poll Daddy: Survey other students to get their opinion on these controversial issues with your own survey. See abortion example

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