Hello K - 6 Social Studies Teacher,

The midterm elections are next week and the Super Civics Team from *Learning Law and Democracy* have resources and lessons for you and your students! Each set of lessons, with supporting slides, uses an anchor text to make integration with literacy convenient and meaningful. Here is a quick summary of the texts by grade level. Feel free to check out the text from your library or use the video recording that is conveniently linked in the slides. To access the lessons, slides and texts by grade level, click here: <u>Teaching Civics Super Civics Toolbox</u> and scroll to page 2.

Thank you for your commitment to civics education,

Your friends from Learning Law and Democracy

Grades K and 1 Duck for President

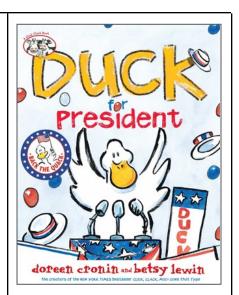
My fellow Americans:

It is our pleasure, our honor, our duty as citizens to present to you Duck for President. Here is a duck who began in a humble pond. Who worked his way from farmer to governor. And now, perhaps, to the highest office in the land.

Some say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he is a duck.

We say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he will be the next president of the United States of America.

Thank you for your vote.



Grade 2 A Vote is Powerful Thing

Callie knows there's a presidential election coming up. Her class is having an election, too, about an issue that affects them all. The class field trip! She's about to witness first-hand what a difference a vote can make; even a single vote and along the way will find out about the election process and why people have fought for the right to vote throughout history. A great kids-eye look at the power of the vote.



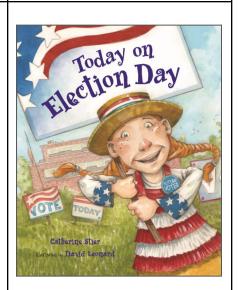
Grade 3 One Vote, Two Vote, I Vote, You Vote

Written in simple rhyme, this Cat in the Hat's Learning Library Book introduces early readers to the concept and practice of voting—with a focus on the American Presidency! Revised to include 16 pages of activities showing kids how to hold their own elections, it's an ideal choice for reading and talking about voting—whether for classroom pet or leader of the free world! Readers will learn the basic principles of democracy; how political parties are made; why Election Day is held in early November; and much more. Fans of the hit PBS show The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! will be delighted to see the Cat knows as much about history and civic responsibility as he does about science!



Grades 4 and 5 Today on Election Day

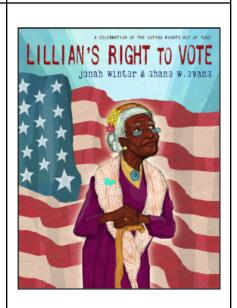
The school gym is a polling place and Bailey, Ren, David, Meg, Aiden, and Isabella know all about Election Day and voting! Bailey helped her Aunt Julia run for a seat on the city council. Aiden goes with his grandpa to vote. David's brother Jake will be voting for the first time. Meg talks about how years ago, some citizens were not permitted to vote. A perfect picture book for future voters of America, Today on Election Day will simultaneously entertain and educate.



Grade 6 *Lillian's Right to Vote*

An elderly African American woman, en route to vote, remembers her family's tumultuous voting history in this picture book publishing in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

As Lillian, a one-hundred-year-old African American woman, makes a "long haul up a steep hill" to her polling place, she sees more than trees and sky—she sees her family's history. She sees the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment and her great-grandfather voting for the first time. She sees her parents trying to register to vote. And she sees herself marching in a protest from Selma to Montgomery. Veteran bestselling picture-book author Jonah Winter and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Shane W. Evans vividly recall



America's battle for civil rights in this lyrical, poignant account of one woman's fierce determination to make it up the hill and make her voice heard.
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