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There are many websites with classroom activities helpful when discussing voting.

A few are listed below. To link directly to these sites and others, visit the 'Teacher Connections' page for VOTE!:

<http://www.christelow.com/classroom/vote.html>

on Eileen Christelow's website: www.christelow.com

★ <http://www.vermontvotesforkids.com/vtvotes/index.shtml>

Deb Markowitz, Vermont's Secretary of State has created a wonderful website to help explain voting to kids. This website will be useful to teachers, parents and kids from any state.

★ <http://www.pbs.org/elections/kids>

Features extensive lesson plans organized by grade level. Includes *Dear Presidential Diary*, *Budget Making*, *To Vote or Not to Vote*—to name just a few.

★ <http://www.rockthevote.com/index.php>

Use this site when discussing voter registration: how to register, who can register.

★ <http://www.FactCheck.org>

This site monitors the factual accuracy of what is being said by major politicians in debates, ads, etc.

★ <http://www.kidsvotingusa.org>

Their mission is to prepare kids to become educated and engaged voters. They operate through a national network of community-based affiliates offering civics activities to partner schools and communities.

★ <http://www.takeyourkidstovote.org>

Activities for parents and kids, elementary through high school age. (Useful to teachers too!)

★ <http://www.pollingreport.com>

<http://www.zogby.com/>

<http://www.gallup.com/>

Who is ahead? Who is behind? Good sites to use when discussing polling.

★ <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/index.html>

This site has daily lesson plans for grades 6-12, developed in partnership with the Bank Street College of Education. The focus is on current events. There are a number of useful activities relevant to voting. (You'll need to use the Lesson Plan Search.)

Here is an example:

http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20071029monday.html?searchpv=learning_lessons