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LEARNING WEEK



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A CIVIC LEARNING WEEK ACTIVITY

COMPELLING QUESTION

How can Kentucky's past help us navigate current civic related events?

SUPPORTING QUESTION

Why is knowing who represents your community helpful?

VISUAL THINKING STRATEGIES (VTS)

VTS uses images and artwork to help build visual literacy and historical understanding. A VTS session (5-10 minutes) allows students to discuss their thinking using guiding questions. For this activity, please utilize the image on the next page of this packet to conduct a VTS session with your students.

Below are the three questions the facilitator (educator) will use to guide the VTS session. These questions can be repeated to draw out more discussion!

1. What's going on in this picture?
2. What do you see that makes you say that?
3. What more can we find?

- **Historical Context:** The image below depicts the final legislative session (1908) conducted in the Old State Capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. The current State Capitol, which was constructed due to the legislature outgrowing the original building depicted in the photo, was nearing completion at the time this image was captured.



Key Observations: The photograph features only male legislators, reflecting a difference from today, which can be further explored through the remainder of the activity.

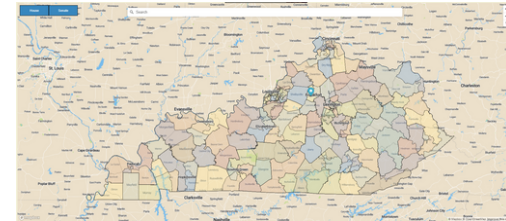
VOCABULARY

- **House:** A component of the legislative branch, this chamber of Congress is tasked with proposing and voting on legislation.
- **Senate:** A chamber of the legislative branch of Congress responsible for representing states, reviewing and voting on proposed legislation.
- **Bicameral:** Having two chambers in a legislative body.
- **Legislative Branch:** One of the three branches of government that creates and passes bills that will later become laws.
- **Judicial Branch:** The court system, they interpret the laws
- **Executive Branch:** Executes and enforces the laws; Mayor & Governor

FINDING YOUR LEGISLATOR

Understanding who represents your community is crucial knowledge. It enables you to engage, remain informed, and support individuals striving to make a significant difference in your area.

Using the templates attached to this packet, students can get to know their legislators by using the "Find Your Legislator" feature on the Kentucky General Assembly's website.



- <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/findyourlegislator/findyourlegislator.html>
 - Navigating the feature as a whole group may be beneficial and allow for exploration in other parts of Kentucky.

CLOSING OUT THE ACTIVITY

Students will share what they learned about their legislators and discuss the supporting question.



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Name _____ Date _____

Find Your Legislator (6-12)



Directions: Use the map on <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/findyourlegislator/findyourlegislator.html> to locate your community and see who is representing **YOU!**

District: _____ <i>What district is your community in?</i>	
Current House _____ <i>Write their name here</i>	Current Senate _____ <i>Write their name here</i>
<i>What are three things you learned about your legislator?</i>	<i>What are three things you learned about your legislator?</i>
<i>Name one bill they sponsor:</i>	<i>Name one bill they sponsor:</i>

Name _____ **Date** _____

Find Your Legislator (3-5)



Directions: Use the map on <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/findyourlegislator/findyourlegislator.html> to locate your community and see who is representing **YOU**!

<p>Current House</p> <hr/> <p><i>Write their name here</i></p>	<p>Current Senate</p> <hr/> <p><i>Write their name here</i></p>
<p><i>What is their district number?</i></p> <hr/>	<p><i>What is their district number?</i></p> <hr/>
<p><i>What are two things you learned about your legislator?</i></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p><i>What are two things you learned about your legislator?</i></p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>

Name _____

Find Your Legislator (K-2)



Draw a picture of your community's current House Representative

Draw a picture of your community's current Senator

Write their name here

Write their name here