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# Back-to-School Story Ideas

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# Don't Know Much About History?

## Questions for Civic Teachers:

- What's changing this year because of election year rhetoric?
- How much do you plan to talk about the presidential race?
- Have you been given any instructions/orders from central office?

# Sources to Consider

- Southern Poverty Law Center's survey of teachers
- "The Political Classroom," Diana Hess, Paula McAvoy
- Center for Information on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE): Extensive state-level data on voting trends and youth engagement

# EWA Resources

- Reporter Guides: Campaign finance, education policy, using polling data
- Topics Pages: The 2016 Elections
- The U.S. Elections and Education: National Press Club, Aug. 30

# Crossover Story: Follow the Remediation Numbers

- Nationally, remediation costs colleges and universities billions of dollars annually.
- Many states require higher education institutions to track remediation rates by high school.
- Which districts/campuses have the highest numbers?
- What placement tests are being used to sort students?

# Higher Ed: College Students and Food Insecurity

- Some colleges allows students to use meal plan “swipes” to share with peers, according to [The New York Times](#).
- In the University of California system, 4 in 10 students lack a steady supply of nutritious food, reports [the Los Angeles Times](#).
- In [a national survey](#) of community college students, researchers at the University of Wisconsin found half of the respondents struggled to find adequate daily nutrition.

# K-12 Teachers: Filling the Gaps

- As military downsizes, programs like Troops to Teachers are gaining ground.
- Are retired teachers/administrators being lured out of retirement?
- Be skeptical of nonspecific claims of “shortages”.

# Thank you!

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