

Civil Engagement Letter

6th Grade Social Studies / ELA – Assigned

What You Should Know

Parents were not told specifically about this assignment or the fact that the school would be sending letters signed by their children to the Congressperson. Keep in mind this was an assignment for 11- and 12-year-olds.

January 6, 2021 Civil Engagement Letter

Objective:

In ELA, we are talking about Activism and engagement to achieve changes. The events of January 6, 2021 will be remembered as a dark moment in our nation's history. Your goal today is to take an informed action by writing a letter. In your letter please consider the factors that led to the events unfolding, such as the spread of different information on social media.

Writing Prompt:

Write a letter to your Congressperson outlining the role Social Media played in the events leading up to and on January 6, 2021. Please be sure to name the Social Media websites used, what information was communicated, and the impact it had for each example/evidence.

Directions: You will read a NewsELA Article about the events that happened. While reading the article, you will look for two types of information.

1. The first is the use of Social Media. Highlight these facts in **YELLOW**. (EVIDENCE)
2. The second is the impact/results of the Social Media usage. Highlight the effects in **GREEN**. (REASONING)

Use all information that you highlighted as Evidence and Reasoning for your letter.

3. You will conclude your letter by offering what can be done to prevent similar things from happening in the future.