



Class in Session

with Jeb Bush

Lessons in Civics with Secretary Condoleezza Rice

Teacher's Guide

[Class in Session with Jeb Bush](#) (#ClassWithJeb) is a series of video conversations with the visionaries of today. Created specifically for secondary school students and relevant for the classroom, these 20-minute virtual conversations—hosted by former Florida Governor Jeb Bush—draw out personal and professional experiences and, especially important, elicit advice for America's next generation from leaders across the nation.

VIDEO

[WATCH: Lessons in Civics with Secretary Condoleezza Rice](#)



As a world leader and prolific trailblazer, policymaker and scholar, Dr. Condoleezza Rice shares her insights into the importance of democracy and civic engagement to the future of our country. She also shares anecdotes from her service on the front lines of history—from growing up in Birmingham, AL, to becoming the nation's first African American woman to be appointed as U.S. Secretary of State.

PROMPTS FOR STUDENTS

As you watch the video, think about the following:

- What does “being an American” mean to you?
- Which of the American history moments mentioned by Secretary Rice most interests you?
- Reflect on a challenge in your life and how you overcame and/or learned from it.
- What does it mean to “work hard?” Why is failure important? What does “resilience” mean?



ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Choose one of the following assignments in response to the video [Lessons in Civics with Secretary Condoleezza Rice](#).

CHOICE BOARD

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WRITE

Write a paragraph about what being an American means to you.

Research and write about one of the American history moments mentioned by Secretary Rice. Include what interests you about this moment in history. (1-2 pages)

Describe a time you failed or made a mistake. What did you learn? How did the failure or mistake shape you into the person you are now? (1-2 pages)

Identify the difference between the Secretary of State and National Security Advisor. How are the roles similar? How are the roles different? (1-2 pages)

Extended Learning:

Imagine you serve as National Security Advisor to the President: Research and write a presidential briefing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and propose a solution to resolve it. The briefing should include background, history and key political players along with a recommended solution to end the conflict. The solution should include an analysis of previous attempts to broker peace and how your plan is better. (3 pages)

DISCUSS

Discuss one of the following questions with someone:

- What does it mean to be an American?
- What does it mean to work hard?
- Is failure important? Why?

ILLUSTRATE

Choose one of the following prompts to create a piece of art, produce a video, write a song or create a dance. Send a photo or video to Jeb@ExcelinEd.org.

- I am America.
- Hard work pays off.
- From failure comes success.
- We will overcome!