



# Class in Session

## with Jeb Bush

### Lessons in Governing with Mitch Landrieu

#### 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 Governing with Mitch Landrieu](#)



Former New Orleans Mayor and former Louisiana Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu shares his perspectives on the appropriate role of government during crises, as well as his experiences in running one of our nation's most treasured cities.

#### PROMPTS FOR STUDENTS

As you watch the video, think about the following:

- The world has slowed down. How has this impacted you or your community?
- Identify ways to care for people moving forward from this pandemic. What are ways that you could care for those in your life? (Teachers, neighbors, family or friends?)
- Who are your friends? Can you remember a time when they told you something you needed to hear but didn't want to hear?



## ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENTS

Choose one of the following assignments in response to the video [Lessons in Governing with Mitch Landrieu](#).

### CHOICE BOARD

#### *Lessons in Governing with Mitch Landrieu*

#### EXPLORE

We all make mistakes. Admitting those mistakes is a skill that we can practice. For more on how to confront mistakes, read [this short article](#).

Mitch says that disagreement among advisers can be valuable to leaders. For more on how to disagree constructively, check out [this short video](#).

Mitch advises us to be problem-solvers. His new project seeks to bring people together. For more on E Pluribus Unum, [check out their website](#).

#### DISCUSS

Discuss one of the following questions with someone:

- Mitch says the two worst traits in a leader are ignorance and arrogance. Together, those traits can lead to decisions that hurt people. What does it mean to be ignorant? Why is it unhelpful? What does it mean to be arrogant? How can you avoid arrogance?
- Leaders need to hear from advisers who disagree with each other. Why is disagreement valuable to leadership?
- Mitch says he hasn't done anything meaningful in his life by himself—that it was all a team effort. What are your greatest accomplishments? Who helped you achieve them?

#### WRITE

Select one of the following writing prompts:

- Mitch discusses the importance of trustworthy counsel. Identify a leader you admire and research who their counselors or mentors were. How did these people influence this leader?
- Identify a disagreement you have participated in. Create a script for this conversation that incorporates some of Mitch's tips for respectful disagreements.

#### 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](mailto:Jeb@ExcelinEd.org).

- What does it look like to "slow down?"
- Draw a beautiful mistake.
- Turn disagreement into something valuable.
- What does it look like to come together?