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*We the People* aligned to the Common Core, remembering Nelson Mandela, a report urges schools to support civic education, and more in this month's newsletter.



**We the People Aligned to Common Core**

All three levels of *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* are now aligned with the Common Core State Standards. The correlations were performed by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; print textbook correlations for Level 3 were performed by the Maryland Department of Education. Thank you to our partners for making *We the People* an even more valuable resource for teachers!  
[Level 1](#) [Level 2](#) [Level 3](#)



**Remembering Nelson Mandela**

The Center for Civic Education honors the life and memory of Nelson Mandela, a great democratic leader who put public service above self. The ongoing civic education work of the Center for Community and Educational Development and other [Civitas International Programs](#) partners in South Africa are a tribute Mandela's legacy.

Youth Civic  
Development  
& Education  
*A conference consensus report*

**Report Urges Schools to Take Part in Civic Education**

A recently released report asserts that "schools do not devote sufficient time and effort to civic education" despite the historic role of schools in preparing young people for democratic citizenship. "[Youth Civic Development and Education](#)," released by the Center on Adolescence at Stanford University and the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington, Seattle, is the result of a February 2013 civics conference at Stanford University. [Learn more](#)



**Don't Wait! Register by Dec. 31 for a Chance to Win a Classroom Set of *We the People***

The Center for Civic Education and Share My Lesson have partnered to offer our teachers the opportunity to win a free classroom set of *We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution* textbooks or the new enhanced ebook. Enter by visiting [www.ShareMyLesson.com/cce](http://www.ShareMyLesson.com/cce) and signing up for Share My Lesson by December 31 [Register](#)



**We the People Teacher Named Michigan Civic Education Teacher of the Year**

Cortney Kosmala-Jackson, a *We the People* teacher and district coordinator at César Chávez Academy High School in Detroit has been named the 2013 Michigan Civic Education Teacher of the Year. [Learn more](#)



**Wyoming District Competition Sets State Record**

Wyoming state coordinator Matt Strannigan and district coordinator Scott McIntyre hosted the largest *We the People* district competition in the state's history on December 9. Nineteen classes participated in simulated congressional hearings. The state competition will be held on January 13.



#### Andrus Center for Public Policy and We the People Idaho Win Grant Award

The Idaho Humanities Council awarded the Andrus Center for Public Policy and Idaho We the People a grant for professional development for their project, "The Role of Dissent in American History, Politics, and Law." [Learn more](#)



#### Time to Register for the International Conference on Education for Democratic Citizenship!

The Moroccan Center for Civic Education is accepting international registrations through December 31 for the International Conference on Education for Democratic Citizenship. The event, with the theme of "Educating Youth for Democratic Futures," will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, on February 26 to March 1, 2014. [Learn more](#)



#### We the People Students Take Note: App Digs Deeply into Constitution

An app launched on Constitution Day by the U.S. Senate, Library of Congress, and Government Printing Office seeks to "make analysis and interpretation of constitutional case law by Library experts accessible for free to anyone with a computer or mobile device." U.S. Constitution: Analysis and Interpretation is particularly valuable to We the People students interesting in in-depth research about particular clauses and amendments to the Constitution. [Download](#)



#### Making a Difference This Holiday Season

This year, you can make a new year's resolution that really matters by signing up today to make a monthly donation to support civic education. Your support will help to continue the Center's legacy of producing a new generation of informed, engaged citizens committed to democratic principles. Please click [here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation to contribute directly to our work. [Learn more](#)

*This newsletter is a brief bulletin designed to keep you informed about some of the Center for Civic Education's news and events. Information presented includes news from around the country, news from other countries in the Center's Civitas International network, grant and award opportunities, and program updates and clarifications. If you have pertinent material that you would like to include in future newsletters, please contact [Erin Smith](#) or [John Hale](#).*