

Lesson Blueprints: Current Events

Title: Overview

Grade Level: Elementary School

Introduction

Sometimes current events need to take precedence over curriculum. These lessons facilitate multiple learning styles to support the exploration of SEL topics in the news and on social media. Teachers determine how the topics will be selected as well as the news stories to be examined. Depending on resources and the activity, teachers can encourage students to review newspapers, magazines, radio news, television news, Internet news, and other local methods of news reporting. All lessons include specific procedures and, when appropriate, printables and/or slides.

Resources

- **Current Events Report**
Use this worksheet to collect and report the important information in a news article.
- **I, Journalist**
Interview skills are used to create an original news article.
- **Mix and Match**
Students match photographs and headlines to the appropriate articles and write a journal response to the essential question.
- **Same Story/Different Sources**
Students use graphic organizers to compare/contrast how different news sources report the same subject.
- **The Shape of the News**
Use different shapes to organize the information found in a news article.

Notes
