

# Current Events

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **Social Studies 3**  
Time Period: **MP1-4**  
Length: **All Year**  
Status: **Published**

## Essential Questions

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- What is in the news?

## Social Studies Skills

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### Chronological Thinking

- Explain how the present is connected to the past

### Spatial Thinking

- Determine locations of places and interpret information available on maps and globes
- Use thematic maps and other geographic representations to obtain, describe, and compare spatial patterns and information about people, places, regions, and environments.

## Enduring Understandings

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### Focus Areas

- Identify places where students can find information.
- Distinguish between eyewitness and secondary accounts.
- Discuss age appropriate interest stories gathered from a variety of sources (e.g., books, newspapers, TV, radio, Internet).
- Place events on a timeline
- Determine locations of events using maps and globes
- Distinguish fact from fiction

## Activities and Assessments

- Current Events reports (Scholastic News for grade appropriate material)
  - Summarize a news story

- Class Discussion
- Present ideas in oral format