Unit 4b-Current Events

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Social Studies 5**
Time Period: **MP1-4**
Length: **All Year**
Status: **Published**

Essential Questions

- What is in the news?

Social Studies Skills

Chronological Thinking

- Explain how major events are related to one another in time.

Spatial Thinking

- Select and use various geographic representations to compare information about people, places, regions, and environments.
- Use maps and other documents to explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and growth of economic and political systems.

CSDT Technology Integration

8.1.5.DA.1: Collect, organize, and display data in order to highlight relationships or support a claim.

Activity:

Students will select news stories from either local sources or national news sites and then interview local peers and adults. Students will then create a synthesis of the information from the print source as well as opinions from interviews. Students will record their presentation and a link will be posted in Google Classroom for students to share and comment on.

Enduring Understandings

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 Event reports

Summarize a news story

Discussion

Present ideas in oral format

Create digital presentation

CNN Student News