

HOW TO USE NewsCurrents IN THE CLASSROOM

1.

Preview the Issue

The front cover of the discussion guide provides a summary and frame length for each story in the issue.

2.

Select the Stories

Each week, NewsCurrents presents stories on a wide variety of topics — government, science, international news, business, the arts, sports, and more. You may wish to show the entire issue, or just the stories most appropriate for your class.

3.

Use NewsCurrents at the Same Time Each Week

Students will benefit from the continuity, and you will notice their knowledge building over time.

4.

Choose a Discussion Level

The discussion guide is written on three concept and vocabulary levels: Basic, General, and Advanced. Choose the level that is most suitable for your students.

5.

Begin with the "Who am I?" Frame

This frame serves as an ice breaker and will arouse interest and focus attention at the start of the session.

6.

Paraphrase the Discussion Guide

Try to put the discussion guide into your own words and relate the topics to other topics you're studying in class.

7.

Allow for Discussion

One of the advantages of the NewsCurrents format is that students feel free to discuss the issues without having to wait for the end of the program. Suggested discussion questions appear in bold type in the discussion guide.

8.

Reproduce the Activity Pages

These features are found at the end of the discussion guide. Students can complete these activities during class or as homework assignments.

9.

Think locally.

Look for opportunities to connect NewsCurrents to local news stories. Encourage students to bring in newspaper clippings related to stories you've discussed.

10.

Share it.

Pass NewsCurrents on to other teachers to share the benefits and the cost of the program.



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Here's what they're saying about NewsCurrents

“I have been using NewsCurrents for 20 years and would be lost without it”

— Cedar Grove High School
Cedar Grove, New Jersey

“My students have begun to be very interested in the world around them. We love NewsCurrents!”

— Banks Middle School
Birmingham, Alabama

“NewsCurrents is absolutely the best way in the world to expose and teach students about current events.”

— Turtle Lake Elementary School
Irvine, California

“My students cheer when we have NewsCurrents. Parents often comment how their children seem so knowledgeable about current events.”

— West Point Elementary School
West Point, Nebraska

“NewsCurrents is terrific! My fourth graders look forward to seeing it and joining in the discussion of national and world events with their classmates.”

— Sunset Lake Elementary
Vicksburg, Michigan

“NewsCurrents is the best current events program I have ever used in my classroom. It delights me to see the students become excited and eagerly look forward to viewing and discussing the new issue each week.”

— Kenneth Cooper Middle School
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

“Having current events so visual is important for our students. NewsCurrents provides the material to make the headlines ‘real.’ Thanks!”

— Indiana School for the Deaf
Indianapolis, Indiana

“NewsCurrents is the only truly usable current events program.”

— J. Frank Dobie High School
Houston, Texas

“NewsCurrents has given my students a greater voice in their other classes and their views and opinions are respected and valued.”

— Eagle Valley High School
Gypsum, Colorado

“We have found nothing that comes close to covering the news like NewsCurrents!”

— Rau School
Sidney, Montana

“My students really enjoy understanding what goes on in the world, and NewsCurrents makes it easy for them to relate!”

— Eastbrook Middle School
Dalton, Georgia

“NewsCurrents makes History and Geography so much more relevant for my students! I love it!”

— Positive Tomorrows
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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