



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AS A RIGHT

Below is a list of ideas and ways you might use the resources provided for this Current Events Post to extend learning and civic engagement for your students.

Media Literacy

Current Events Analysis - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** This set of activities combines reading for understanding with summarizing, predicting, and other key literacy skills. Additionally, there is an extension activity that allows students to practice historical comparison using the current event they have already examined.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Have students either examine what's happening in Iran or what's happening in Russia for the summary component. If you would like to use the second worksheet, they can compare and contrast a historical event to the current one. For example, comparing resistance to the draft now in Russia and draft resistance during the Mexican-American War, which also involved an annexation issue.

Evaluating a Source - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students practice critically examining sources. There are many variations of this exercise that align to specific content, this activity attempts to be able to be applied universally, regardless of content/form.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Have students explore the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the 2020 Comment 37, which details the right to peaceful assembly. Students could also compare the language with the United States' First Amendment.



Questioning

Question Formulation - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students practice the creation of questions and engaging with content on a deeper level. Through a series of steps, students generate questions, determine their strengths and weaknesses, and help categorize their thought process.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** If students need help with a particular article, this lesson gives them some reading strategies to interact with the text and ensure deep understanding. A longer article is most suitable for this one.

Research

Research Scavenger Hunt - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** The teacher develops a scavenger hunt that requires students to respond to specific questions about the Current Event and locate and evaluate content efficiently and thoughtfully.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** You could create a scavenger hunt that uses many of the sources we have curated for this current event and gives students particular information to read/hunt for in the articles, videos, and podcasts. Students could also collaborate in small groups to accomplish this activity, or in pairs.