

CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

(TITLE IX'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: GIVING WOMEN A SPORTING CHANCE)

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.

Beyond the Classroom

Conducting an Interview - LINK TO DIRECTIONS

- **Activity Summary**: Students learn the basic skills and techniques of conducting an interview to solicit a person's opinion about a specific Current Events topic.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event**: Have students interview someone affected by Title IX or involved in the enforcement of it (e.g. female administrator, an athlete, Title IX coordinator)

Conversation for Understanding

Continuum Dialogue - LINK TO DIRECTIONS

- Activity Summary: This is a provocative yet non-threatening way to get to know students' perspectives, beliefs, and opinions on current events, as well as potentially controversial issues. A Continuum exercise provides an opportunity for students to articulate their own ideas, revise their thinking throughout the process, and hear their classmates' viewpoints with respect and interest.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event**: Have students stand along the continuum where they most align with the following statements:
 - o There isn't much discrimination based on sex/gender in schools and school activities anymore.
 - o There are still episodes of sex/gender based discrimination in schools and school activities, but they aren't the norm.
 - o Sex/gender based discrimination in schools and school activities are common.
 - o There is an unhealthy culture of sex/gender discrimination in schools.



Media Literacy

Current Events Analysis - <u>LINK TO DIRECTIONS</u>

- 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**: Pick one of the more informative, overview type articles to have students do this process with.

Research

Interpreting & Analyzing Data Visualizations - LINK TO DIRECTIONS

- Activity Summary: This activity focuses on three types of quantitative data visualizations: charts, graphs, and tables. When students build the skills and habits to analyze and interpret data visualizations, they develop a deeper, more textured understanding of the Current Events they study.
- Suggestion for this Current Event: Use the Fast Facts from Women's Sports Foundation infographic to get students used to evaluating data. The Pew Research study will be a good source for bar graphs (titled: Most Americans who are familiar with Title IX say it's had a positive impact on gender equality).

Tools of Discrimination & Resistance (Created by Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education)

Connecting Current Events to Modern Day Discrimination/Oppression and Resistance

Resources for Activity

- LINK TO LESSONS
- DISCRIMINATION AND RESISTANCE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE
- Activity Summary: Have students examine the Tools of Discrimination & Resistance resources published by the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education. Students should dedicate time to reviewing the stories that demonstrate the push-pull dynamic between discrimination and resistance. Students should examine the acts of discrimination and/or resistance within this week's Current Event Topic and connect it to the acts of discrimination and resistance highlighted in the OJMCHE resources. Following this initial examination, students can participate in either a research based project or perform in a collective act of resistance outlined in the OJMCHE materials.



• Suggestion for this Current Event: Students can compare civil rights laws in multiple countries or eras.