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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

BRITNEY GRINER AND 'HOSTAGE DIPLOMACY'

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Geneva Conventions** (n.) - a series of treaties and agreements between nations from 1864 to 1949 that provided guidelines for the treatment of prisoners and non-combatants during times of war; subsequent revisions have extended core principles to non-wartime circumstances
2. **prisoner** (n.) - a person legally held in prison as a punishment for crimes they have committed or while awaiting trial
3. **hostage** (n.) - a person seized or held as security for the fulfillment of a condition
4. **prisoner exchange** (n.) - a deal between opposing sides in a conflict to release prisoners
5. **hostage diplomacy** (n.) - diplomatic relations, by detention of foreigners to affect other goals, such as using arrests to influence the implementation of amenable foreign political decisions, or prisoner swaps

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- How did Britney Griner become entangled in an international incident?
- What are the major distinctions between prisoners and hostages?
- How do international agreements, such as the Geneva Conventions, help mitigate conflicts between nations?
- How should a government decide what responsibility (if any) it has to advocate for its citizens when they are punished for illegal acts in other countries that may not actually be illegal in their own country?
- In the current state of international affairs, how should the United States weigh the merits and drawbacks of prisoner exchanges with Russia?