



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

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.

Conversation for Understanding

Socratic Seminar - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#) +++ [LINK TO GRAPHIC ORGANIZER](#)

- **Activity Summary:** A teacher poses an open-ended, overarching question, and then allows students to have a collaborative discussion using the questioning method with each other. It is inherently collaborative and encourages students to explore multiple facets of difficult topics and acknowledge diverse perspectives, even if they don't agree with them.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** After students have researched and learned about the Indian Child Welfare Act, tribal sovereignty, the history of U.S. government-tribal nations relations and the Brackeen case, they can engage in a teacher-led Socratic Seminar. Specifically, teachers can use questions focused on "best interest of the child", government's role in addressing past behaviors, and using unrelated court cases and law to further agendas.

Media Literacy

Evaluating Media Sources - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students will read, analyze, and evaluate various media sources focused on a particular topic or theme. This lesson allows students to practice the vital critical thinking skills associated with media literacy, while at the same time, obtaining content knowledge on important current event issues associated with their class-based curriculum.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** After reviewing the evaluating media sources protocols, students can apply them to the videos presented in the Current Events: The Indian Child Welfare Act and Tribal Sovereignty post on the Classroom Law Project website.
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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:** To help students better understand the full context around the Brackeen case, have students participate in a Research Scavenger Hunt using the resources provided in the Current Events: The Indian Child Welfare Act and Tribal Sovereignty post on the Classroom Law Project website.

Rhetorical Literacy

Analysis of Judicial Decisions - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** Students learn how to describe the basic elements of a judicial decision and examine their own thoughts on the decision and its reasoning.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** Once the Brackeen case has been published, have students analyze the decision, using the analysis protocols set forth in this resource.