



CURRENT EVENTS - EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

WORKERS, STRIKES, & LABOR RELATIONS (UPDATED)

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:** Students can interview someone who has gone on strike or has been a part of a labor union to gain first hand knowledge of the concerns, challenges and opportunities in organized labor.

Conversation for Understanding

Four Corners Discussion - [LINK TO DIRECTIONS](#)

- **Activity Summary:** A discussion technique that has students move around the room to demonstrate their current thought process behind the issues/topics being explored.
- **Suggestion for this Current Event:** To help students explore the topic of labor and the labor movement, an initial Four Corners activity can be done to see what they know about the topic, or their initial thoughts on the topics surrounding the subject.

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:** Students can read through various news sources to see how they cover things like the PAT strike and analyze the point of view taken by those news sources.



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:** An educator, using the Current Event's resources, can design a digital scavenger hunt so students can see the historical events in the labor movement and compare those with modern day labor movements in the U.S.