

iPad Current Events Jigsaw Lesson Plan

Content Area: Social Studies

Grade Levels: 3–12

Features and Materials: ABC News app

ISTE Standards: Communication and Collaboration (2b), Research and Information Fluency (3b)

21st Century Skills: Communication and collaboration

Activity Overview

In this activity, students will complete a jigsaw reading activity using the ABC News app.

Procedure

1. Ask students to select two or three or related articles to read from the ABC News app.
2. After each student is placed in a heterogeneous reading group equal to the number of articles selected, ask students to read the article silently that they will share with the group.
3. Have each student take notes to assist with retelling the article and answering questions related to the article. After all students have completed reading the articles silently, have one of the members of the group begin retelling the article. The other members of the group take notes while the other member is retelling the article.
4. Ask students to draw conclusions from the series of articles that were read and select an article (other than their own) and use their notes to summarize.
5. Ask students to complete an exit card as an assessment. Students should indicate three new pieces of information they learned from the reading, two questions they have as a result of the reading, and one piece of information related to the reading that they knew prior to the activity.

Extension

After they've read the articles, ask students to participate in a Socratic seminar in which they answer real-world questions, closed-ended questions, open-ended questions, and general theme questions.