

Lesson Plan #11—Reading

Title: Reading and Writing: Using Newspapers

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Introduction:

This lesson provides a reading exercise using current newspaper clippings and asks students to write and discuss what they think about a specific current event.

Objectives:

In this lesson, students will:

- discuss the current event
- free-write regarding the current event

Session Time:

45 minutes

Materials:

- Newspaper articles
- Writing journal

Methods:

Discussion, freewriting

Procedures:

- 1) Discuss several news articles
- 2) Brainstorm regarding the issue - "How does this affect me?"
- 3) Then, follow up by writing in the journal
- 4) Specific questions may be asked regarding our discussion

Conclusion:

Students can share their opinions about the current event. There are no wrong answers. Students are encouraged to think and write freely, but they must provide reasons or a rationale for their opinions.

NOTE: This lesson was developed during the New Teacher Orientation Workshop on August 10, 2009 at John A. Logan College.