

Newspaper Assignment

Brief Description

The purpose of this assignment is to ensure they read a quality news source every week.

Student learning outcome(s)

Upon completion of the semester, students will be familiar with current human rights topics. Students will also become more familiar with news sources and the UDHR.

Readings/materials/preparation for the activity

Read a good source of DAILY international news: NYT, WSJ, Al Jazeera, Times of London, the Guardian, for example.

Length of activity (range is as short or as long as necessary – 20 minutes to several weeks)

10-30 minutes (depends on how long you let discussion go in class.

Spell out the steps.

Before class read a news article. Prepare to summarize it and connect it to the UDHR. As soon as you walk into class put the title of the article on the board.

We begin class by looking at the board and calling on a few people to talk about their article.

Notes:

This activity addresses their unfamiliarity with good mainstream news sources and introduces them to many current human rights topics while also getting them to read the UDHR each week. It can complement any human rights course.

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