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Podcasting and the News



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 - Current Events

Grade

- 6-8
- 9-12

Brief Description

Students listen to a news podcast and use a graphic organizer to record what they learn.

Objectives

Students will

- Participate in a class discussion about podcasting.
- Access a podcast and practice using such features as pause, rewind, and fast-forward.
- Listen to a news podcast.
- Complete a graphic organizer about what they have learned from the news report.

Keywords

podcast, news, current events, graphic organizer

Materials Needed

computer(s) or mp3 players, [KWL Chart](#).

Lesson Plan

- Begin by briefly introducing the term podcasts to students.
- Help students access a [NewsHour](#) podcast or a favorite podcast of your own to become familiar with such features as pause, rewind, and fast-forward.
- Provide each student with a [KWL Chart](#).
- Have students complete the graphic organizer as they listen to a podcast you have chosen.

As a follow-up activity, students might research the topic further and add information to their graphic organizers.

Assessment

Students will be evaluated on the information in their graphic organizers and their understanding of podcasting as evidence in class discussions.

Lesson Plan Source

Adapted from lessons at PBS [NewsHour Extra](#).

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National Standards

SOCIAL SCIENCES: Geography

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