

## "TOP TEN" Reasons For Using Current Events In The Classroom

1. The news is an adult medium. No big seventh grader who can't read well likes to be seen carrying around "Six Ducks in a Pond" but he's proud to be seen reading the newspaper, watching the news.
2. The news deals in reality, in what is happening here and now. Motivation is built-in.
3. News bridges the gap between the classroom and the "real" world outside.
4. News contains history as it happens, reported as completely and as objectively as is humanly possible.
5. It's the ideal text for individualized instruction because it contains something for every student -the comics for the slower reader, the editorials for the brighter youngster; math problems ranging from number recognition to understanding stock market reports.
6. The news contains practical vocabulary, the words students will use over and over again throughout their lives.
7. Current events contains in its news stories the best modes for clear, concise, simple writing / speaking. A great model!
8. It is the perfect model for teaching students to write for a purpose and for a particular audience.
9. It is the only up-to-date social studies provider there is.
10. It is the only text the majority of students will continue to read / listen to throughout their lives.



\* an informed society is the best society and a guarantee that democracy will survive and society grow in its level of humanity and compassion.