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**Current Event Final Project**

SSCG7 The student will describe how thoughtful and effective participation in civic life is characterized by obeying the law, paying taxes, serving on a jury, participating in the political process, performing public service, registering for military duty, being informed about current issues, and respecting differing opinions.

Project adapted from: <http://www.pbs.org/now/classroom/lessonplan-03.html>

Learn more about current events and public opinion be completing one of the following activities.

1. Conduct and opinion poll about current events. Be sure to report your findings accurately and reliably to the poll is valid. Survey at least 25 people and ask them what they think are the most important current events issues for our local area and our nation. Ask them to explain why they believe the event is important. Record DIRECT QUOTES from each person you interview. Compile your results in a display chart that illustrates the data. Create a display board that includes a picture and a summary of the local/national issues that people were most concerned about. The display board should also include specific quotes from the interviewees.
	* Survey 25 people
	* Ask them to explain their answers
	* Record direct quotes
	* Create a chart of your results
	* Create and illustration or picture that represents the most important events
	* Summarize the most important events
	* Cite your resources
2. Choose a local or national current event and conduct research on the event. Be sure to use a variety of reliable resources (i.e. newspapers, magazines, internet new providers, video coverage, etc). Create a poster size graphic organizer that illustrates the causes and effects of this event and a flow chart that describes how the event could impact the following: our country, individuals effected by the event, our state, our town, and you personally.
	* Choose a current event (you’re going to want to pick something that interests you.)
	* Use a variety of resources! (at least 4 should be cited)
	* Create a graphic organizer (focus on cause and effect)
	* Create a flow chart
	* Cite your resources