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ASP Summer Institute 09 Lesson Plan Template

Lesson Title: LOCAL AFRICAN NEWS STORIES

Subject and Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Lesson #: 1

Time Required (minutes, class periods, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Description:

Students will access [www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com) and select an article (current) from an African country. Students will then fill out a worksheet/template that requires a summary of the news story (article should be attached). Students will then locate the country on a blank map of Africa. Each week a few students will give an oral presentation of their news story (random selection of students).

Objectives:

1. Familiarity with locations of African countries.
2. Familiarity with African current events.
3. Familiarity w/ current events.
4. Work on presentation skills
5. Cross-cultural connections.

Key Ideas and/or Driving Questions:

- cross-cultural connections
- What is considered "news" in other countries?
- How does it relate to the US?

Key Vocabulary:

Varies

Background Knowledge Needed (teacher and student):

1. Use of technology
2. African geography
3. Good presentation skills (oral + written)

Materials:

Computer w/ internet access  
printer  
teacher-generated worksheet

Procedures:

1. Story must relate to a social studies theme
- see lesson description -

Closure & Assessment (tie to key ideas - what was learned):

- student presentation of news stories

Extensions/Connections (including possible grade level and interdisciplinary modifications):

1. Length of summary can be modified based on grade or student ability.
2. Topic of articles could determine ~~the~~ any multidisciplinary activities.

Related Standards:

Varies

Resources (include useful web links):

[www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com)