



Guiding the Conversation

Student Interviews on Learning Through Current Affairs

This guide is intended for Professional Learning Communities groups, instructional leaders or self-paced study to help guide conversations and reflections.

General synopsis: In this video, students discuss some of their experiences in learning about current affairs in Social Studies centered on critical thinking and decision-making.

Clip 1 Synopsis: Students discuss some of the important things they have learned about being a citizen while analyzing current affairs.

- **Question(s):** In what ways do the student responses indicate they have learned about decision making and active citizenship?

Clip 2 Synopsis: Students discuss some of the ways their teacher helps them think more critically.

- **Question(s):** What strategies have you used to help students think more critically? Why is this an important skill?

Clip 3 Synopsis: Students discuss some of the ways their teachers help them demonstrate their understanding and provide feedback.

- **Question(s):** What tools are valuable for judging student reasoning and giving feedback? Why is this important for students as well as teachers?

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