

Current Events Report

The 5th grade Social Studies curriculum investigates the Core Democratic Values. These are the ideals that our democratic government is based on. To build upon this, students will turn in a weekly current event report. Instructions can be found on the attached sheet. Articles can be found in newspapers, magazines, TIME for Kids, or online. A hardcopy of the article must be attached to the report (printed if it was found online). Reports will be due every Monday, but I do not recommend waiting until Sunday night to do them. Below is a list of the values for reference.

The Core Democratic Values

Life

Each person has the right to the protection of his or her life.

Liberty

Liberty includes the freedom to believe what you want, freedom to choose your own friends, and to have your own ideas and opinions, to express your ideas in public, the right for people to meet in groups, the right to have any lawful job or business.

The Pursuit of Happiness

Each person can find happiness in their own way, so long as they do not step on the rights of others.

Justice

All people should be treated fairly in getting the advantages and disadvantages of our country. No group or person should be favored.

Common Good

People should work together for the good of all. The government should make laws that are good for everyone.

Truth

We expect our government and its leaders to be truthful to us and they can expect the same.

Equality

Everyone should get the same treatment regardless of where your parents or grandparents were born, race, religion or how much money you have. All people have political, social and economic equality.

Diversity

Differences in language, dress, food, where parents or grandparents were born, race, and religion are not only allowed but accepted as important.

Popular Sovereignty

The power of the government comes from the people.

Patriotism

A devotion to our country and the core democratic values in words and deeds.

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Name _____

Date _____

Title _____

Source _____

Article Date _____

News type (circle): Local State National World



Summary

Core Democratic Value Response

(Explain which of the Core Democratic Values you feel this article most closely relates to. The article can be an example of the value in action or it can be an example of these values being denied or in conflict. Give your personal reaction to the article: why it is important, what action you think should be taken, what you would do to solve the problem, etc.)

