



Google News *in the Classroom*

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Google news

What is it?

Google News brings together news from thousands of different sources from around the world and makes them available in a single place. With Google News you can quickly browse the top stories or easily search for a specific topic. You can personalize your news page to see only the stories that interest you most, or have customized new alerts sent directly to your email.

Why use it?

Students can use Google News to:

- Compare and contrast current events from a variety of sources.
- Find primary documents related to historical events over the past 200 years through the news archive search, available under the advanced search options.
- Access the news from their mobile phones – no computer lab required.

Teachers can use Google News to:

- Personalize news page to stay informed on topics they teach.
- Search the news for stories relevant to a particular day's lesson.
- Model for students how to examine bias and reliability in the news.

Instructional Ideas

Elementary. Find a top news story from a different country each day of the week and save a photo related to the article. Write brief captions for each photo and assemble them in a poster called "The World This Week."

Middle School. Have students compare and contrast articles on a single event from different sources, such as the The New York Times, The Guardian Unlimited in the UK, and The People's Daily Online in China.

High School. Use Google News' Archives to search for news through history, use the Timeline to drill down to when that topic was being talked about the most, then show students the actual article from that day in history.



Expert Tip



Use the Mobile Web App to take Google News with you. Click on the Jump To button to quickly get to your interests. Scroll to the bottom to turn on Google Fast Flip to flip through the latest news from the web.

Google News in Action

Project: Current Events Exchange

Grade/Subject: High School / History & Government

School: Galileo Academy of Science and Tech, CA

Students exchange their ideas about recent current events for their high school social studies classes. Students explore a wide variety of Internet news stories from different sources and post summaries and opinions online for other students to view. (Consider using Blogger or Google Sites for students to post links to - and reflections on - news stories.) In the process, students practice research, evaluation of sources, synthesis, formulating opinions, and publishing for an authentic audience.



Additional Resources

More News Sites for Students

NY Times Learning Network
<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/>

Scholastic News Online
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/>

CNN Student News
<http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/>

Complementary Tools

- iGoogle
- Google Earth
- Google Fast Flip
- Google News Mobile
- Google Reader
- Google Sites
- YouTube