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Issues & Controversies

What is it?

Issues and Controversies is a database which analyzes current topics of high interest in the news. The database is updated weekly with original articles from its writers, as well as headlines and stories from Reuters[®]. Individual topic pages include arguments from both sides of the issue, background information, primary documents, and full-length videos. Teacher resources include enhanced lesson plans, text sets on current issues, and a bank of editorial cartoons and accompanying questions. Topics are aligned to the Washington State K-12 Learning Standards and Guidelines, or Next Generation Science Standards.

Who's it for?

Students in grades 8-12

How do I find what I need?

Keyword Search: Search for a controversy from the entire database

Home page slider features current/recent controversies

Advanced Search Tools:

- Title Text and Article Text
- Title Text Only
- Subject
- Article Type
- Sort feature for results
- Date range

How can I use it?

- Use as a text set for students on a specific topic
- Use topic pages as an example of multiple sources of information for a subject
- Encourage critical viewing and listening as students watch actual debates on the issues that they are researching
- Employ the site as a resource for students conducting a debate
- Mentor texts for argumentative and non-fiction text types
- Reading of non-print texts with the use of data charts, timelines and infographics
- Analyzation of primary sources