

Welcome!



The Critical Current
Fridays 2:40-4:40pm

BEFORE WE BEGIN...

GOOGLE CLASSROOM: You must be on your sausdlearns.net google account. Please register in the course. The code is on the whiteboard.

CHECK OUT THE COURSE WEBSITE: www.criticalcurrent.weebly.com - You will be creating your own blogs/sites/digital scrapbooks!

TAKE THE PRE-TEST ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM: It's five questions and super simple. I need the data!

**Why are
you taking
this course?**

**What is news
literacy?**

“News literacy is the acquisition of 21st-century, critical-thinking skills for analyzing and judging the reliability of news and information, differentiating among facts, opinions and assertions in the media we consume, create and distribute. It can be taught most effectively in cross-curricular, inquiry-based formats at all grade levels. It is a necessary component for literacy in contemporary society.”

The Digital Age poses four serious information literacy challenges for civil society:

- 1** The amount of information we are flooded with daily makes it difficult to sort out what's reliable.
- 2** New technologies to create and share information make it easy to create content that only appears authoritative and then to spread it virally.
- 3** The conflict between speed and accuracy has been exacerbated by Digital Age demands for delivering information as fast as possible, but accelerating that process increases the chance it will be wrong.
- 4** Humans prefer information that supports our beliefs, and the Internet and social media make it much easier for us to select only the information that supports our ideas, reinforcing rather than challenging them.

**Concepts we
will be learning
about...**

LOOK IN YOUR BLACK JOURNALS:

The role of information in society, News Literacy , The Origins of Journalism - Freedom of the Press, Free Expression as the foundation for Democracy, Journalism vs. Purveyors of Information, Purpose Matters, Credibility and Verification, Fact-Checking, The Media Spin, News/Facts v. Opinion, Objective v. Subjective, News Media Bias and Audience Bias, Assertion vs. Verification, Evidence v. Inference, Evaluate and Deconstruct News Reports, Ask Yourself (who created it, for what purpose, is the source credible, is there another agenda?), Effective Communication is a synthesis of multiple sources into meaningful context and comprehension of its impact.

We have 14 weeks aka 28 hours. Let's get started!

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**WHY does
news and
media literacy
MATTER?**



SOURCE: https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/blogpost/post/hurricane-irene-photo-of-shark-swimming-in-street-is-fake/2011/08/26/gIQABHAvfJ_blog.html

White People "FIND"




Two residents wade through chest-deep water after finding bread and soda from a local grocery store after Hurricane Katrina came through the area in New Orleans, Louisiana.

(AFP/Getty Images/Chris Graythen)

Black People "LOOT"



A young man walks through chest deep flood water after looting a grocery store in New Orleans on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005. Flood waters continue to rise in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina did extensive damage when it  Associated Press

These stories and pictures both appeared in
YAHOO! NEWS August 30, 2005

<http://news.yahoo.com/photo/050830/480/1adm10208301530>

http://news.yahoo.com/photo/050830/photos_ts_afp/050830071810_shxwaoma_photo1









FREEDOM

JEFFERSON KNEW IT.

"The way to prevent irregular interpositions of the people is to give them full information of their affairs through the channel of the public papers, and to contrive that those papers should penetrate the whole mass of the people. The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- **BLACK JOURNALS** for taking notes
- **WEEBLY WEBSITES** (blogging and digital scrapbooks)

BLOG POST #1 - FEBRUARY, 19TH, 2016:

What is news literacy and why does it matter in our lives?

NEWS POST #1 ON STANDARD PAGE- LINK + IMAGE

MY WORLD: local, national, global

1. Post a link to an interesting article, podcast, report, news story, photograph (any article), about local news, national news, and world news that is of interest to you.

WEEBLY WEBSITE:

Create a website with TWO pages:

- 1. A standard page for digital scrapbooking and ...**
- 2. A blog page to the website.**

SEND ME YOUR LINK ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

I will help you with this.