Citizenship Studies in the News Edition 5

About this resource:

'Citizenship Studies in the News' aims to stimulate discussion for GCSE Citizenship Studies by considering contemporary issues and their relevance to our lives. We have compiled a range of current news articles* and linked these to the key questions, explored in themes A-D of the specification. You may wish to investigate and integrate into your teaching practice to help contextualise key issues and bring the subject to life!

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Articles

Link	Details	Link to Specification
1 Link to Theme A Article	**'At least 26 English councils 'at risk of bankruptcy in next two years"** **Written Rob Davies for The Guardian, discusses concerns raised by a number of local authorities, surrounding funding issues.**	**Theme A: Living together in the UK** • How have communities developed in the UK? • What is identity? • What are democratic values and where do they come from? • How does local democracy work?
2 Link to Theme B Article	**'Labour rules out wealth tax if party wins next election'** **Written by Nathan Williams & Iain Watson for BBC News, discusses Labour's position on the instigation of a 'wealth tax', should they win the next general election.**	**Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK** • Who runs the country? • How does Parliament work? • How is power shared between Westminster and the devolved administrations? • How does government manage public money?
3 Link to Theme C Article	**'Criminals to be forced to attend sentencing hearings'** **Written by Tom Symonds & Aoife Walsh for BBC News, discusses new laws which will provide judges with more power, to order criminals to attend sentencing hearings in England and Wales.**	**Theme C: Law and justice** • What is the law for and how does it affect us? How does the justice system work? • Is crime increasing in society?
4 Link to Theme D Article	**'Ministers skip UN meeting on disability rights'** **Written by Joshua Nevett for BBC Politics, discusses concerns raised in 2016, by a UN committee, regarding how the impact of welfare reforms have affected people in the UK.**	**Theme D: Power and influence** • What power and influence can citizens have? • What role and influence should the media have? • Does the UK have power and influence in the wider world?

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