Citizenship Studies in the News Edition 13

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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Content Warning: the two Theme C articles refer to issues of a sensitive nature. Article 1 mentions rape. Article 2 mentions sexual violence and describes killings and torture.

Link	Details	Links to Specification
Theme A article	How mutual understanding is encouraged in schools and the wider community; the concepts of diversity, integration and community cohesion that underpins democratic society. This article is published by the organisation Power to Change. It looks back on the riots and turbulence which took place during the summer of 2024 in the UK. It is good at explaining the violence and has some excellent case examples of what community cohesion should look like, why it matters, and how to take things forward.	Theme A Living Together in the UK 3. Respect and understanding
Theme B article	Different views and debates about how governments and other service providers make provisions for welfare, health, the care of the elderly, and education. The state of the NHS and its backlog of cases was a major concern in the general election of 2024. The Starmer government will be judged by how effectively it can reduce waiting lists at hospitals and improve the NHS. Lots of links to give a wider view of health in the UK in this recent BBC article.	Theme B Democracy in the UK 8. Taxation and government spending
Theme C article 1 Theme C article 2	Fundamental principes of law to uphold rights and freedoms: the rule of law; the presumption of innocence; equality before the law; access to justice. Article 1 from The Daily Express details how Andrew Malkinson was wrongfully jailed for a crime he did not commit. It looks at the details of his release, the problems he faced in prison, and the costs he must pay. Get students to look at other 'miscarriages of justice' to see how the mistakes made can change the law Article 2 considers the harsh conditions and outcomes for prisoners under the former regime of al-Assad in Syria, and what is being discovered.	Theme C: Law and Justice • 2. Principles and sources of law
Theme D article Pearson	An example where the UK has played a role in an international disagreement or conflict and the methods used: mediation, sanctions, or force. Events surrounding the Russian invasion of Ukraine continue to create a major role for the UK. The changes brought about for the USA by President Donald Trump will impact the UK and change daily. Events and details move fast but here an ex-Army head Sir Nick Carter implies that the UK must become involved even more.	Theme D Power and Influence 8. Rights and responsibilities in challenging global situations