Citizenship Studies in the News Edition 12

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	Links to Specification
1 Theme A article 1 Theme A article 2	**"Graphic shows how deaths will outnumber births in the UK in just four years"** **How the UK population grows and how it develops have major implications for government in the services which they provide – such as schools and hospitals.** **These two newspaper articles examine the needs of our society as population numbers grow. It is not just the numerical increase, but the age profiles associated with that increase. Note also the different levels of growth in different parts of the UK. What does that imply for the different parts of the UK?**	**Theme A Living Together in the UK** • **1. The changing UK population**
2 Theme B article	**"How assisted dying has spread across the world and how laws differ"** **In a previous 'Citizenship in the News' we had a link with how the law has changed in Jersey on assisted dying. In November last year the Commons voted in favour of a bill to introduce this in the UK. Follow this Bill to see how Parliament makes a law. This article from the BBC shows how similar laws apply across the world.**	**Theme B Democracy in the UK** • **5. Making and shaping law** **Theme C: Law and Justice** • **1. The role of law in everyday life in dealing with complex problems**
3 Theme C article	**"'Prison is not working' says minister, as more than 1000 prisoners get early release"** **Prisons in the UK are a capacity levels and to free up space the Labour government allowed for the early release of prisoners to prevent further overcrowding. This is a good opportunity for students to learn about what is happening inside our prison system. In this article ITN looks at the implications of the early release scheme.**	**Theme C: Law and Justice** • **8. Sentences and punishment**
4 Theme D article	**"A complete timeline of Prince Harry's legal battle with the Sun"** **The recent victory of Prince Harry against the Sun newspaper highlights how far press intrusion can go and the need to respect people's privacy and dignity. Here the London Evening Standard charts the progress of Prince Harry's claims to his eventual settlement. Good to consider why he chose to settle 'out of court'. Also, well worth examining in further research how other celebrities have been affected by a loss of privacy due to press intrusion.**	**Theme D Power and Influence** • **4. Rights and responsibilities of the media**