

# The Politics of News - Middle School (30-40 minutes)

## Introduction (2 minutes)

- Remind class how to follow-up with any questions
- Discuss personal media choices (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, reddit, snapchat, tumblr, twitter, YouTube, Weibo, WhatsApp, etc.) – 5 minutes

## Online Media Resources (5-10 minutes)

- [AllSides](#)
- [Media Bias/Fact Check](#)
- [Reporters Without Borders](#)

## Search for news articles (5-10 minutes)

- Demonstrate searching News Databases (2-3 minutes)
- Have the students look for themselves (2-3 minutes)
- Check online Encyclopedias and Reference sources (3-4 minutes)

## Open Class Discussion about what was learned (3-5 minutes)

### Outcomes for class:

- Students will learn to read news for general information to compare accuracy of information with social media sites
- Students will learn to use general reference tools
- Students will gain basic understanding of social media and how to tell a reliable source