

Welcome!



The Critical Current
Summer Enrichment 2016

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.

TAKE THE PRE-TEST ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM:
It's five questions and super simple!

CHECK OUT THE COURSE WEBSITE: www.criticalcurrentSummer.weebly.com - You will be creating your own blogs!

A FEW MORE THINGS...

SYLLABUS This handout is all about what we will be learning and doing through this summer course.

FIELD TRIPS: Students who have great attendance will be guaranteed a spot! We are going to our field trips dressed in business-casual clothing so that we can look like professionals!

UPDATED CALENDAR!: Breakfast is always served starting at 7:30 am and lunch is from 11:00 - 11:35. You can bring your own snacks if you want to.

Lecture 1



What is news and media
literacy?

**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...**

What are we going to be doing?

- Individual student blogs reflecting on lectures - on 8 different topics!
- The Current - an online news site created by you!
- Summer Enrichment Showcase
- Field Trips
- Having loads of fun WHILE learning like crazy!

We have 5 weeks aka 80 hours. Let's get started!

**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 waded 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



ELECTION

2016





A vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white, wispy clouds. The word "FREEDOM" is written across the upper middle of the image in large, bold, white letters that appear to be made of soft, fluffy clouds themselves. The overall mood is bright, airy, and optimistic.

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."

WEEBLY WEBSITE:

Create a website! Go to [weebly.com](https://www.weebly.com) and create your own website. You can create it as a “BLOG”

SEND ME YOUR LINK AND OTHER INFORMATION ON A GOOGLE FORM ON GOOGLE CLASSROOM - CALLED "WEEBLY SITE FORM" - BE SURE TO CLICK "PUBLISH" AND THAT YOUR SITE IS APPROPRIATELY NAMED.

The student mentors will help you with this.

BLOG POST #1 - JUNE 21ST, 2016:

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

AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY, WE WILL HAVE A CLASSWIDE DISCUSSION ON NEWS OF THE WORLD (LOCAL, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL). PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SHARE ONE PIECE OF NEWS TOMORROW MORNING!