

BBC LEARNING AND BBC NEWS PRESENT

BBC News – Live Lesson

Date: Thursday, 22nd March 2018

Time: 2pm

Duration: 35 minutes (approx.) live programme and 25 mins (approx) Live Lessons EXTRA programme which will be published on the website on Tuesday, 27th March.

Location: bbc.co.uk/livelessons

(Note: if you can't watch the programme live, you will be able to watch the recording on the Live Lessons website within half an hour of the live broadcast via BBC iPlayer)

Curriculum links

The lesson is aimed at ages 11-14. The lesson will include the following curriculum points:

Key Stage 3/3rd Level - Citizenship

- identify and assess bias and reliability
- discuss how choices and decisions are influenced by the ways in which they are informed
- evaluate the role of the media in a democracy and assess its importance in informing and influencing citizens.
- the importance of access to unbiased information, including the internet, and be prepared to challenge views propagated by the media

Key Stage 3/3rd Level - English

- use creative and critical thinking to synthesise ideas and arguments
- distinguish between facts/evidence and bias/argument
- examine how language and image can be manipulated in different media

Setup

How much space and equipment is needed?

The lesson can be viewed in a classroom with a large screen linked to a reliable broadband connection. Good audio equipment is not essential but will make the event more enjoyable.

As we'll be asking students to get involved in creative activities throughout the lesson, it would be beneficial if students had the accompanying worksheets to hand to guide them through the activities, as well as stationery such as pens and pencils.

How many students can participate?

It's completely up to you how many students you have participating in the session. We want to get as many students as possible engaged in this Live Lesson. Space might be a consideration if you have a very large group.

How to prepare for the lesson

Section 1:

The first section of the Live Lesson looks at the history of false news and examines the impact that it can have within society. Guided activity sheets for this are available here on our website, titled **Activity 1: Spot the Mistake** and **Activity 2: Why Does False News Matter?**

Section 2:

In the second section of the programme we will be breaking down false news into different categories, using real world examples to deepen our understanding. An activity sheet is available here on our website, titled **Activity 3: Types of False News**

Section 3:

This final section of the Live Lesson examines how to spot false news and offers some useful tips and tricks on how to filter out fact from fiction. We will be looking a number of news stories and asking students to choose if certain elements can be trusted or not. **Activity 4: Trust or Don't Trust** contains the examples that we will be looking and also provides voting cards that they can use to join in with the activity during the Live Lesson.

EXTRA programme

Our BBC News – Live Lessons EXTRA programme will be published on our website on Tuesday, 27th March 2018. This programme will focus on answering more of your questions and will also feature an activity that looks at the use of photographs and imagery in false news. Activity sheets for this is available here on this website, titled: **EXTRA Activity 1: Images** and **EXTRA Activity 2: Social Media**.

Contact us

You can email any questions or comments on the subject of real news and false information before and during the Live Lesson to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, or by using the hashtag **#bbclivelessons**. We'll aim to answer as many of your questions as possible.

We'd also love to see examples of your students' work. If your classes have created any work or carried out any activities using the resources on our website, please do send it in to live.lessons@bbc.co.uk, and they could be showcased on the programme and on our website.

If you are sending in any images or videos that feature children, please ensure that you have parental permission, as they may be shown during the Live Lesson and on our website.

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