

ND IN YOUR HISTORY CLASS

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Make us a part of your curriculum

Understanding the present through the past

It is often said that journalism is the first rough draft of history. That's because news reporters capture the now: facts around events and people's thoughts and impressions as events unfold.

Historians use those news reports as first steps in a journey into the past. They also dig up diaries and letters, reports and memoranda. But news reports are especially useful for gaining an understanding of the importance of events to the general public because journalists record the thoughts and feelings of people who might not otherwise have set down their thoughts for posterity.

What you can do with News Decoder

- ★ **Use our deep database of global news stories as a basis for class discussions.** We work with more than 45 correspondents in countries all over the world – from India to Peru to Rwanda – to put context to complex, important global events and trends. Many of our "news decoders" examine current events through a historical lens.
- ★ **Model key facets of historical research through the production of journalism.** Students find and verify expert sources and seek out multiple, diverse accounts to get as close to a truth as possible. Historians are the storytellers of our past. We can guide students in building a compelling story based on their research findings.
- ★ **Set up a class webinar on a historical topic.** In News Decoder webinars, students choose a topic, conduct research, seek out experts and then present their findings live over the Internet.

How we work with classes

We work with individual classes upon the request of faculty. We can Zoom in for customized workshops on topics such as sourcing, interviewing and writing. We will also work with students individually once they pitch stories to us. Let us help you engage your students and make your work easier. We can also provide guest speakers to talk to students about particular historical topics.

Learn more

- ➔ Sign up to receive free, global teaching content each month.
- ➔ Check out our Pitch, Report, Draft and Revise process for news reporting and storytelling.
- ➔ Find out more about our student webinars.
- ➔ Check out our database of stories that provide a historical context to current events.