**Exploring Social Studies Themes Through Current Events**

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1. Students form groups (of 1-4)
2. Choose an National or International news event
3. Fill out the fact gathering form
4. Create a representation of the event, which includes the information collected.
5. Representations can include:

* Dramatization – act out the news event; be the characters in the story
* A monologue/dialogue – tell the story as if a news broadcaster or as a character in the story
* Interview – ask questions to get the details
* Poster – share the key aspects of the story
* Switched perspective – rewrite the story from the perspective of a different person in the story

1. Make connections between the news story and themes being studied (ie. Identity, interdependence, resources, wealth, culture, place, power, authority, dynamic relationships)
2. Use applicable outcome rubric to assess