CURRENT EVENTS: ITS IMPLICATIONS AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Newspaper has been the primary source of news be it entertainment, sports, advertisements, and the social issues. Others would grab it as early as possible in the morning to cope for the latest news and updates. But nowadays, newspapers are slowly losing their fame as the primary source of news or current events for several reasons like the busy schedule of avid readers, the existence of modern technologies and the like. Whether these news or current events come from favorite news channels, television or radio broadcasting, from internet news sources, keeping updated on what is going on around us tends to be a timeless quest.

Being well informed and updated about the current events have so many implications and these vary according to the interest of the people. Others would doubt the benefits of keeping updated about what is going on or happening in the news while others treated it as important to their daily lives. The benefits of current events awareness encompass no age. Its benefits are not limited to older members of the community. Young members of the society, particularly those in high school must have to gain awareness on what is happening in the world around them.

The school, through social studies class is the ideal place and environment from which the students can gain awareness towards the current events. Social studies teachers help the students to have critical minds that accept various ideas and inquiries. The existing curriculum becomes relevant to everyday lives when currents events are being taught in a classroom situation because it offers opportunities for the learners to explore and understand the society and the world as a whole. Through current events, students could identify the people and events that play significant part in the development of a society. It develops the students reading and listening skills,
communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving skills. Current events also help the students to have an open communication relationship with their parents wherein they could have shared opinions regarding on what is happening or tackled in the news. It can build a close ties between them. Eventually from reading or listening from the news or current events, the students will soon be able to develop their writing skills through writing their own articles or news about certain issues. Finally, current events will also be able the students to establish learning through collaborative learning, classroom discussions and debates.

Furthermore, coping and understanding the society wherein they live is the most significant reason why do we need to teach current events. Knowing the importance of these events including the people, time, date and the scenario would have been very significant in building or molding the future of the next generations. On current events lies what particular actions we should do to cope with the changing environment and the social issues that would threat the security of our own society. Keeping updated about the news does not require students to read newspapers in the school but through Social Studies teachers, learners are kept updated by tackling the current events which primary concerned social issues.

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