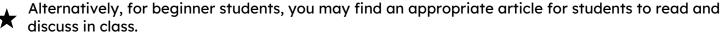
WebQuest Activity "TI Further Notice" Seth Glier

Seth Glier's song, "Til Further Notice" is about Covid-19, but also the hope that we can find during difficult times. In this activity, students will perform a WebQuest to search for articles about a recent news event that they find hopeful.

- 1) Ask students why it's important to be hopeful during difficult times. Put them into small groups. Possible brainstorming questions may be:
 - 1. Is it difficult for you to feel hopeful during difficult times?
 - 2. Can you describe an example of when you felt hope during a difficult time?
 - 3. Do you think that newspapers typically write about positive or negative news events? Why?
 - 4. How can we remain hopeful during difficult times?
- 2) Share with students some news stories that have made you feel hopeful in the past. Then, tell students you would like them to find an article in English about Covid-19 (or another recent news event) that makes them feel hopeful. (This can be an individual or pair activity, and students can use cell phones, tablets, or computers.)
- 3) Give students reputable news sources to search. Here are some examples. You may also give your own.
 - https://www.voanews.com/
 - https://learningenglish.voanews.com/ (for lower-level students)
 - https://www.npr.org/
 - https://www.nytimes.com/
 - https://www.bbc.com/news
 - https://www.aljazeera.com/
- 4) Give students time in class to search for a news article and help when needed.
- 5) After students find their articles, you should assess their understanding of the article in some way. Here are some example activities:
 - 1. Write a summary of the news article.
 - 2. Write a journal entry with their reaction to the news article.
 - 3. Give a summary of the news article in small groups.
 - 4. Create an audio or video explaining the main points of the article and why they chose it. Share the audio or video clips online (with Padlet or Flipgrid or a discussion board) and ask students to comment on each other's clips.
 - 5. Write a reaction letter about the article to send to the newspaper.



This activity is well-suited to online classes since majority of the activity takes place online.



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Intermediate/Advanced

Title of News Article:
Author(s):
Web Address:
I chose this article because
Summary

