

## Grade 8 Current Events Unit

**Goal:**

To show how everyone can work on fixing the challenging issues of today's world.

**Role:**

Your group has been sponsored by Super Hero and Philanthropist Tony Stark to do a TED Talk about everyday heroes.

**Audience:**

A group of high school aged people who are wondering, "But what can I do that makes a difference?"

**Situation:**

You are an expert on a particular global issue. You know the background and current status of the issue, how it manifests itself globally, nationally and even locally. So you are going to share your knowledge of the issue, and demonstrate ways that ordinary people can make a difference.

**Product, Performance and Purpose:**

You will present a clear, well paced 3-5 minute multimedia presentation explaining what the issue is, and offer two or more ways people can take action. Your presentation should include visuals and examples that underscore what you are talking about. It should include evidence of your research into the topic. It should offer practical, anyone can do them ways to make the situation better.

**Assessment:**

You will be graded on Criterion B, C and D from the Individuals and Societies Standards.

**What You Must Complete:**

- 1.) A research plan
- 2.) Detailed notes, with citations.
- 3.) A bibliography, with at least two sources reflected on.
- 4.) A multimedia presentation that uses good speaking techniques
- 5.) Completion of some sort of service by the week before Winter Break.
- 6.) A reflection of what you accomplished with your service.