

Global News Discussion

*Choose one news story...
summarize & discuss*



Goal

- **Summarize** (summarize news story clearly and briefly)
- **Critical thinking** (analyzing and asking questions)
- **Empathy** (understanding people – psychology, culture, context)
- **Creative thinking** (innovative solutions and perspectives)
- **Connect** (synthesizing themes, relationships and application to work/life)

Instructions

1. Choose one news story

Each student will choose any recent news story (in any language) from Japan or around the world. It can be from online articles, TV, a video on social media – anywhere. It can be a serious global story or small local story – your choice.

2. Summarize news story

In class, each student will summarize their news story within three minutes.

3. Discuss with class

Then, we will discuss each news story individually and also notice the connected ideas between each story.

Discussion Questions

1. Considering the source and author, what biases might the story have?
2. What is the root cause of why this story happened?
3. How do you think different types of people feel about this story?
(For example: Japanese vs. non-Japanese, people inside vs. outside story)
4. How can we improve or enhance the situation creatively? *(By using concepts from history, business, psychology, culture, or elsewhere)*
5. How are the different stories connected to each other and to our work/life?

This diagram illustrates the discussion questions visually. We can use it to spark ideas for answers...

