**Lesson Title:** Local African News Stories

**Subject and Grade Level:**

**Time Required:**

**Lesson Description:**

Students will access www.allafrica.com and select an article (current) from an African country. Students will then fill out a worksheet/template that requires a summary of the news story (article should be attached). Students will then locate the country on a blank map of Africa. Each week a few students will give an oral presentation of their news story (random selection of students).

**Objectives:**

1. Familiarity with locations of African countries.
2. Familiarity with African current events.
3. Familiarity with current events.
4. Work on presentation skills.
5. Cross-cultural connections.

**Key Ideas and/or Driving Questions:**

- Cross-cultural connections
- What is considered "news" in other countries?
- How does it relate to the US?

**Key Vocabulary:**

Varies
Background Knowledge Needed (teacher and student):
1. Use of technology
2. African geography
3. Good presentation skills (oral & written)

Materials:
- Computer/internet access
- Print
- Teacher-generated worksheet

Procedures:
1. Story must relate to a social studies theme.
   - See lesson description

Closure & Assessment (tie to key ideas - what was learned):
- Student presentation of news stories

Extensions/Connections (including possible grade level and interdisciplinary modifications):
1. Length of summary can be modified based on grade or student ability.
2. Topic of articles could determine any multidisciplinary activities

Related Standards:
- Varies

Resources (include useful web links):
- www.allafrica.com