

## ABC-CLIO Feature Story: Relating Social Studies to Current Events

When students explore the parallels and connections between today's news stories and historical events, they gain valuable perspective about history, humanity, and themselves.

Drawn from current headlines as well as key historical events, the **Feature Story** in each ABC-CLIO online database helps your students understand the importance of people, places, events, and issues in the news. The stories enliven classroom discussions as students see how they are relevant to their everyday lives.

A **Feature Story** is an in-depth look at a current or key historical event. It is found on the left-hand side of every database's home page. Students can also access previous **Feature Story** sections through the Advanced Search page of any database.

A **Feature Story** has three components:

- An **Overview** section, with a brief, easy-to-understand synopsis of the issue
- A **Background** section, with more in-depth information and historical context, including a list of **Related Entries**
- An **Examine** section, with information in one of a variety of formats—including scholarly perspectives, quotes, speeches, and primary source documents—to stimulate student discussions and critical analysis

### Connections to the Curriculum

If a class is learning about voting practices in the United States, they can read a **Feature Story** currently posted to the *Issues* database, *Voter ID Requirements: Protecting or Restricting the Vote?* The Overview discusses recent attempts by several states to require citizens to present identification as a prerequisite for voting, and the Background section provides historical information on U.S. voting rights with links to key Supreme Court cases, the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments, and much more.

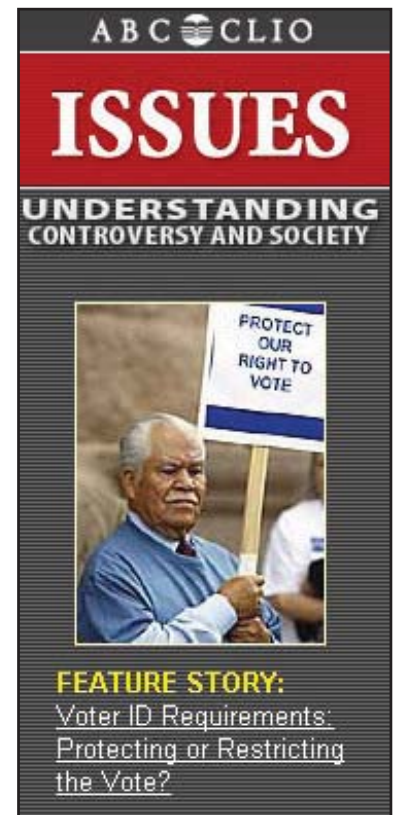
**Feature Stories** encourage students to become informed citizens—to learn more about complex situations, think critically, and form educated opinions that are grounded in facts.

### Let's Get Started!

- The current **Feature Story** is highlighted with a headline and photo on the left side of each database's home page
- Click on the photo or the title of the story to bring up the **Overview** section
- Two additional tabs provide access to **the Background and Examine** sections
- **Related Entries** on the right side of **the Background** page provide hyperlinks to additional articles, images, audio clips, documents and other primary sources

### More Information

**Feature Stories** are updated regularly—every two to four weeks.



You can locate archived **Feature Stories** with the Simple Search function:

- Enter your search term in the box near the top of the page in any of ABC-CLIO's online databases, then click the **Search** button to get your results
- From the **Search Results** page, scroll to the bottom of the **Filter My Results** menu on the left side of the page
- Check the **Feature Stories** option if it is available (the option will be grayed out if there are no **Feature Stories** for your topic)
- Click the **Filter My Results** button, and the filtered Results page will list all of the **Feature Stories** in the database that include your original search term
- To see a list of recent **Feature Stories** in any database, go to the **Advanced Search** page, scroll down to **Feature Stories** at the bottom of the category column, click **Feature Stories**, and then click Search

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