**Extension Activity**

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| **Extension Activity Title:** Water in the News | **Duration:** Multiple periods |
| **Introduction:** | |
| In this activity, students will develop a greater awareness for the role that water plays in our lives, locally and globally, by tracking media outlets. Students will look through newspapers, magazines, and websites and will collect any news articles related to water. Students will require up to a week to collect these clippings to create a collage or a virtual presentation of their findings. They may also write their own article about the importance of water in their lives.   * Suitable for grades 5 - 8 | |
| **Materials:** | |
| * Access to newspapers, magazines, and news websites * Scissors * Glue * Construction Paper * Markers | |
| **Activity Set-up** | |
| * Have students collect the clippings during multiple periods, or assign as homework for a week (hardcopy or virtual clippings) * Once students have enough clippings, have them spend a period arranging their collage or presentation together * Have the students title their collage, or presentation based on an overall theme that they choose * Have students write their own article about the importance of water, based on their collage * Get the students to share their collage or presentation with the class | |
| **Activity Wrap-up:** | |
| **Class discussion ask students:**   * How is water portrayed by different types of media outlets? * What is the common theme in the water clipping collages and presentations? * Did you find the water in news to have a positive or a negative message, explain your reasoning? | |