

Daily Curriculum – January 13

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

If you were producing a story looking back on the anniversary of a natural disaster, what would your focus be? What elements would you include in your story?

Key Concepts: Identify or explain these subjects you heard about in today's show:

1. Haiti
2. economic indicator
3. arbitrator

Fast Facts: How well were you listening to today's program?

1. Who was Ariel Sharon? According to the video: How would his supporters describe him? How would his critics characterize him?
2. According to the federal government, what is the current U.S. unemployment rate? What is this number based on? Who is not counted in this number?
3. What natural disaster took place in Haiti four years ago?
4. According to the report: What "dishonorable distinction" has Major League Baseball player Alex Rodriguez just acquired? Why? How did Rodriguez respond to this announcement?

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you know about the conflict in the Middle East? How are ripple effects of this conflict felt in other places around the world? Why do you think that this conflict is significant to many outside that region?
2. In the video, we hear one economist describe the current state of the U.S. economy as a "frustrating situation." Why does he believe this is so? What do you think is the best way to promote job growth? Should there be more government action, or should government get out of the way? Discuss.
3. What do you think about the 162-game suspension given to Alex Rodriguez for his alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs? What is your opinion of the use of illegal PEDs in professional sports? To what extent do you think that athletes should be penalized for the use of PEDs?