

Daily Curriculum – January 23

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

Where would you go to get information about a country's human rights record? How might you determine the credibility of this information?

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

1. Geneva
2. activist
3. censor

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

1. Why are diplomats from around the world gathered in Geneva, Switzerland? How would you describe the current situation in Syria?
2. According to the video: What does China's constitution say about freedom of the press? What does it say about the power of the state? What happened when CNN reporters tried to cover the trial of a prominent Chinese activist in Beijing?
3. What are some tasks that firefighter Patrick Johnson wants Google Glass to do? What are some limitations of the technology when it comes to firefighting?

Discussion Questions:

1. In your opinion, what solutions might be generated for Syria from the conference in Geneva? Why do you think that officials there are not expecting a breakthrough regarding this conflict?
2. Why do you think the city of Geneva is known as the "world's negotiating table"? How do you think that the city of Geneva has maintained its reputation for neutrality? Why do you think that a neutral site is important in sensitive negotiations?
3. How would you categorize China's type of government? What do you know about this form of government? How does it differ from the type of government you live under? Why do you think that China's government might want to control information about activists who speak out against it?
4. Do you use any software or apps that help you in your daily life? If so, what are they? Do you have any ideas for an app that could improve a person's quality of life, or even possibly save lives? Explain.