

Daily Curriculum – January 29

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

What sources might you seek out if you wanted to hear two different views on a political speech?

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

1. State of the Union
2. GOP response
3. luge

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

1. What annual speech did President Obama deliver last night? Who delivered the Republican response to that speech?
2. According to the video: Who tries to influence what is included in the State of the Union address? Who is the "real" audience for this speech?
3. What U.S. states that usually don't see much snow saw it yesterday? What problems did the snowfall cause?

Discussion Questions:

1. According to the video: What were some of the topics discussed by the president in last night's State of the Union address? What was included in the Republican response? What clues do each of these speeches provide about each party's view of government?
2. What is meant by the term "bully pulpit"? According to the video, how is the State of the Union a speech "on the grandest bully pulpit of all?" What are some memorable phrases and props from previous State of the Union addresses? Why do you think that some might define a presidency by what is said in this speech?
3. In your opinion, what, if anything, makes a political speech memorable?
4. What are some lessons that can be learned from stories of athletes who have overcome adversity? Is there an athlete that you find inspirational because of a challenge he or she has overcome? Explain.