

Daily Curriculum – March 17

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

How might the outcome of an election be reported differently by different countries' news media?

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

1. secession
2. tsunami
3. sandstone

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

1. Where is Crimea? What did voters there decide yesterday? How have Russia, Ukraine, the European Union and the United States responded to this vote?
2. According to the video: What happened to two communication systems on board Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 while en route to Beijing? Why do authorities now believe those systems stopped working? What other strange maneuvers did the plane make? Why do authorities believe that these were deliberate actions?
3. What disasters struck Japan three years ago? What is a tsunami? What happened to the town of Rikuzentakata on Japan's northeast coast? What is the "Miracle Pine"? What was done when salt water threatened the life of this tree?
4. Why have over 100,000 people marched across frozen Lake Superior this winter? How do they describe what they see? What are the caves made of? What causes the ice formations?
5. What republic in Western Europe is celebrating its national holiday today? About how many Americans say they have Irish ancestry?

Discussion Questions:

1. What options do you think Russia, the U.S., and the European Union have concerning the Crimea vote? What consequences might each option have?
2. Why might an object remaining after a disaster become a symbol for survivors? Do you think that images of these kinds of objects are powerful? Explain.
3. Can you think of any other natural geologic features, like the ice caves shown in the video, that attract tourists? Explain. Have you ever visited any of these kinds of formations? If so, where did you go and what did you see? What did you learn from the experience?