

Daily Curriculum – May 19

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

What factors may determine why some countries or regions of the world might receive more news coverage than others?

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

1. Balkans
2. shark tagging
3. "melting pot"

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

1. Where is the nation of Serbia located? What natural disaster has forced the evacuation of more than 24,000 people there? Why hasn't everyone evacuated the flood area? What has caused the flooding? Who is helping with rescue efforts in the region? How has it affected neighboring Bosnia and Herzegovina?
2. What kind of disaster has the U.S. West Coast been dealing with since last week? What is helping California officials to make progress against the wildfires? How are Marine helicopters being used to fight wildfires there?
3. According to the video: What Florida location is sometimes called "the shark attack capital of the world"? Why? What kind of shark is Katharine? When and where did researchers first tag her? How many miles has this shark traveled so far this year? Why are scientists tagging sharks?
4. After English and Spanish, what is the most widely spoken language in U.S. homes? Does the United States have an official language? What is the official language of 28 U.S. states? After English and Spanish, what languages are spoken in different states and regions of the U.S.? People of what national heritage outnumber all others in the U.S.?
5. Who is Robyn Benincasa? What kind of an organization did she establish? What "label" does she say that her organization helps to give survivors?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is meant by the term "melting pot"? Why do you think that the United States is often referred to as a melting pot? What are some of the different groups who have contributed to the melting pot that is the United States? What are some of their contributions to American culture and history?
2. Do you speak a second language? If so, what is it? Why might this be a valuable skill to have even in a country where the second language you speak is not typically found? What industries and professions might offer jobs to individuals who can speak other languages?
3. Robyn Benincasa says of Project Athena, "It's not about the setback; it's about the comeback." What do you think she means? What personal qualities would you attribute to someone who suffers a setback but comes back even stronger?