

Daily Curriculum – May 27

Media Literacy Question of the Day:

If you were a journalist traveling with a world leader, what skills might you have to draw upon if there were a sudden change in plans?

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

1. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
2. USS Cole
3. European Union

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

1. What surprise trip did President Obama make this weekend? What did he say to U.S. troops there? Why are presidential trips like this often kept secret? What scandal involving the Department of Veterans Affairs is happening in the U.S.? Why are some criticizing the president regarding this scandal?
2. What kind of vessel is the USS Cole? What happened to the USS Cole on October 12, 2000? What reminders of that day does the ship carry? When was the ship last in New York? What is significant about a shipboard photo that was taken at that time?
3. Where did Pope Francis start the second day of his visit to the Holy Land? According to the report: What spontaneous stop did he make? What was symbolic about his prayer there? What surprise invitation did he make, and to whom did he make it? What surprise did Palestinian children have for the pope? How did he respond? According to the video, what solution to the Middle East crisis does the Vatican support? How did the pope finish his day?
4. What is the European Union, and when was it established? What are the goals of this group of nations? Why did one official call Sunday's EU elections a political "earthquake"?
5. According to the video, who is likely to be the next president of Ukraine? What do we know about him? What issue has been at the center of unrest in Ukraine in recent months?
6. What country is often referred to as the world's largest democracy? What political event are some people in this country celebrating? What challenges await Narendra Modi as he takes office? What decisions might he make that could be unpopular with some of India's citizens?

Discussion Questions:

1. What might be some reasons why a commander-in-chief would make a surprise visit to U.S. troops in another country? Do you think it affects the morale of servicemen and women in that place? Explain.
2. What is significant about a public meeting between leaders of different religions? What message do you think this kind of meeting sends to the religions' followers and to others?