

# NEWS BREAK

**Wednesday's News Break selects an article from Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016** print replica of The Seattle Times for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

**Article: State tribes urge Obama to stop, reroute Dakota Access oil pipeline (NW Tuesday, B1)**

**Objective:**

Students will read about and discuss the current protests taking place over the Dakota Access Pipeline.

**Standards:**

Social Studies EALR 1: CIVICS The student understands and applies knowledge of government, law, politics, and the nation's fundamental documents to make decisions about local, national, and international issues and to demonstrate thoughtful, participatory citizenship.

**Pre-Reading and Vocabulary**

What do you know about the current controversy with the Dakota Access Pipeline?

**Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions in the chart below.**

A. agitators	1. a right to cross or otherwise use someone else's land for a specified purpose.
B. blockaded	2. increase rapidly.
C. disenfranchised	3. an act or means of sealing off a place to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving.
D. easement	4. people who urge others to protest or rebel.
E. escalates	5. being or marked by temperature below the freezing point (as of water)
F. lacerations	6. unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest; mutual support within a group
G. solidarity	7. a deep cut or tear in skin or flesh.

H. subfreezing	8. deprived of power; marginalized.
I. tactics	9. an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end.

### Comprehension

- 1) Twenty-eight tribal leaders in Washington state have written President Obama insisting he stop and reroute the Dakota Access Pipeline after a night of what?
- 2) In a report issued Monday, medical personnel at Standing Rock said how many people were injured during the violence?
- 3) What kinds of injuries did protesters have, according to the medics?
- 4) How did Law-enforcement officials defend their tactics?
- 5) When did the protest against the \$3.8 billion oil pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois begin?
- 6) The Standing Rock Sioux say the risk of a pipeline spill threatens what?

### Group Discussion Questions or Extension Activity:

- Conduct additional research. Find one article that is in favor of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and one article that is opposed to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Compare the opinions and facts in both articles. Is there anything overlapping? What are the differences in opinion? Write a reflection about your own personal thoughts on the pipeline— do you think it should be built or not? Why? Support your position with facts from your research.

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### Newsbreak Answer Key: November 23, 2016

### Vocabulary

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 8
- D. 1
- E. 2
- F. 7
- G. 6
- H. 5
- I. 9

## Comprehension Answers

- 1) A night of violence in North Dakota in which police used fire hoses, rubber bullets and tear gas against pipeline protesters
- 2) 300
- 3) The injuries included blunt-force trauma, eye injuries, internal bleeding and lacerations from rubber bullets and concussion grenades; hypothermia; loss of consciousness; grand mal seizures, and fractures.
- 4) “We can use whatever force necessary to maintain peace,” said Mandan Police Chief Jason Ziegler in a prepared statement issued Monday afternoon by the Morton County Sheriff’s office. “When they’re throwing rocks and burning logs, and shooting slingshots with projectiles at our officers, the use of water to combat that is considered less-than-lethal.”
- 5) Protests began in April
- 6) Their drinking water source and those of many others downstream on the Missouri River. They also say pipeline construction threatens the tribe’s sacred sites.