

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from **Sunday, January 22, 2017** of The Seattle Times print replica for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions.

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Article: Over 1 million worldwide assert rights for women (MAIN, A1)

Pre-Reading & Vocabulary

- Did you or anyone you know participate in the Seattle women's march?
- What were the feelings expressed by those who attended?
- Were you surprised by the numbers that gathered for a common purpose? Why or why not?
- What is your opinion on peaceful protests?
- Will these marches make a difference? Why or why not?
- Do you have concerns regarding Trump's administration and his agenda? What are they?
- What do you think Trump's takeaway is from these marches? Do you think they will make a difference? Why or why not?

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

A. anarchist	1. a daring or bold resistance to authority or to any opposing force.
B. bigot	2. forceful; insistent
C. defiance	3. a person who promotes disorder or excites revolt against any established rule, law, or custom.
D. emphatic	4. to draw or call (persons) together for a common action or effort
E. polarized	5. a person who is utterly intolerant of any differing creed, belief, or opinion.
F. rally	6. union or fellowship arising from common responsibilities and interests, as between members of a group or between classes, peoples, etc...
G. solidarity	7. to divide into sharply opposing factions, political groups, etc...

Comprehension:

1. In a global exclamation of defiance and solidarity, more than 1 million people rallied at women's marches in the nation's capital and cities around the world Saturday to send President Trump an emphatic message on his first full day in office. What was the message they wanted Trump to hear?
2. What other countries stood in protest?
3. The Washington rally alone attracted more than _____ people according to city officials, apparently more than Trump's inauguration drew Friday. It was easily among the biggest demonstrations in the city's history, and as night fell, not a single arrest was reported.
4. The marches were the kickoff for what their leaders hope will be a sustained campaign of protest in a polarized nation, riven by an election that raised unsettling questions about what three issues?
5. Approximately how many "sister marches" occurred worldwide?
6. Hillary Clinton, who lost to Trump, took to Twitter to thank the participants for doing what?

Discussion Questions or Extension Essay Questions:

"We march today for the moral core of this nation, against which our new president is waging a war," actress America Ferrera told the Washington crowd. "Our dignity, our character, our rights have all been under attack, and a platform of hate and division assumed power yesterday. But the president is not America. ... We are America, and we are here to stay."

- Do you agree with Ferrera's statement? Why or why not?

Gloria Steinem, the feminist icon and an honorary chairwoman of the march, also addressed the Washington throngs. "Thank you for understanding that sometimes we must put our bodies where our beliefs are. "Pressing 'send' is not enough."

- Why is "pressing send" not enough?
- Do you think the numbers of people protesting and marching was surprising? Why or why not?
- What message did people around the world send to Trump and his administration?

"I loved my country, but I didn't know how much. It's sinking in what this country means, what it means for our freedoms and our civil rights."

- What does this country mean to you?
- Do you take our freedoms and civil rights for granted?
- Do you think more people are reflecting on these issues? Why or why not?

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Vocabulary

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

Comprehension Questions

1. That they won't let his agenda go unchallenged. "Welcome to your first day, we will not go away!" marchers in Washington chanted.
2. Mexico City, Paris, Berlin, London, Prague and Sydney
3. 500,000 people
4. U.S. values, out-of-touch elites and barriers to women's ambitions.
5. Over 600 worldwide
6. "Standing, speaking and marching for our values."