

NEWS BREAK

Wednesday's News Break selects an article from the **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** 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: Trump's immigration order spins tangled web of turmoil, Main A1

Objective:

Students will read about and share their opinions on recent immigration policy.

Standard:

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 recent executive order on immigration that was made by the Trump Administration?

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

A. Abrupt	1. revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement)
B. Compliance	2. sudden and unexpected.
C. Directive	3. leave (a place that one previously occupied).
D. Dissent	4. an official or authoritative instruction.
E. Holdover	5. hold or express opinions that are at variance with those previously, commonly, or officially expressed.
F. Mobilization	6. a complicated or confused situation
G. Morass	7. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty

H. Rescinding	8. the action or fact of complying with a wish or command
I. Turmoil	9. the action of making something movable or capable of movement.
J. Vacated	10. a person or thing surviving from an earlier time, especially someone surviving in office

Comprehension

- 1) Who is Sally Yates?
- 2) Sally Yates questioned the legality of what?
- 3) The statement issued by The White House called Yates week on which two issues?
- 4) As of Monday night, who was named to the position of acting attorney general?
- 5) Who was Boente appointed by?
- 6) The “rapid late-night developments” have been compared to what other event?
- 7) According to Sean Spicer, how many people have been affected by the order?
- 8) What are dissent memos?
- 9) Which seven nations does the order affect?

Group Discussion Questions or Extension Activity:

Compare the following two perspectives from the article:

- 1) “I am responsible for ensuring that the positions we take in court remain consistent with this institution’s solemn obligation to always seek justice and stand for what is right,” Yates wrote in the letter, which was published by news agencies. “At present, I am not convinced that the defense of the executive order is consistent with these responsibilities nor am I convinced that the executive order is lawful.”
- 2) “The White House responded with a statement hours later that clearly reflected Trump’s anger. Using a word Trump has employed often to insult his opponents, the statement called Yates “weak on borders and very weak on immigration.” “The acting attorney general, Sally Yates, has betrayed the Department of Justice by refusing to enforce a legal order designed to protect the citizens of the United States,” the statement said.

Which do you agree with? Why? Conduct additional research from at least 3 reliable sources – does this change your perspective? Write an essay explaining and supporting your view.

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Vocabulary

- A. 2
- B. 8
- C. 4
- D. 5
- E. 10
- F. 9
- G. 6
- H. 1
- I. 7
- J. 3

Comprehension Answers

- 1) She was the Acting Attorney General, until Trump's nominee was installed
- 2) Trump's moves to block refugees and temporarily ban entry for citizens from seven Muslim-majority nations
- 3) Borders and immigration
- 4) Dana Boente
- 5) President Barack Obama
- 6) The "Saturday Night Massacre"
- 7) 109 people
- 8) An established way for diplomats to register objections to U.S. policy
- 9) Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Yemen and Libya