

**NEWS LITERACY
FRAMEWORK**

IMPORTANT NEWS CONCEPTS

These ten concepts help us to understand issues in the news and how they connect to each other.

**DEMOCRACY**

A democracy is a place where everyone gets to have their say about how things should work. Democracies usually work by allowing everyone to choose (by voting) the people who will actually do the work of running the place – deciding the exact wording of the rules and laws.

**GLOBALISATION**

Globalisation is the increased interconnectedness of countries. It includes countries trading with each other, the sharing of ideas and culture, and increased global communications. People often debate the advantages and disadvantages of globalisation.

**JUSTICE**

Justice is doing something that makes a situation more fair. For example, punishing someone who has committed a crime, or giving someone something to make up for them having been treated unfairly.

**SCARCITY**

Scarcity is when there isn't enough of something to meet everybody's needs. For example, if a company makes a certain number of a new model of smartphone, only that number of people can have one, even if many more people want one.

**RIGHTS**

Rights are the things that all humans, whoever they are, deserve to have. For example: safety, food, clean water and education are all rights.



ECONOMY

Economics is the study of how people create, distribute and use resources. It can help us understand why countries become richer or poorer. The world is complicated and there are rarely simple answers, so economics usually involves a lot of debating. When people talk about a country's economy, they mean how money is being made and spent in that country.



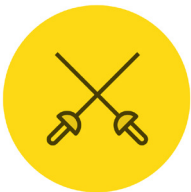
SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability means being careful about the resources being used now so that future generations don't suffer. This includes protecting the environment and ensuring that natural resources are not destroyed, wasted or used up.



POWER

Power is the ability of an individual or group to influence others and control their actions. Some people have more power than others. There are many different reasons for this.



CONFLICT

Conflict is a serious disagreement or argument. This might be because of differences in what people believe, what people value or what they need. Conflict might lead to political debate, protests or even war.



RESPONSIBILITY

A responsibility is a thing that someone is supposed to do. For example, a teacher's responsibility is to help children learn. People can have lots of different responsibilities. When you read about problems going on in the world, it is often important to think about whose responsibility it is to fix them.