

Journalism Lesson Plan

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| Objectives | Students will be able to write an article on their finding of the ongoing conflict in Iraq or Afghanistan based on a native's personal experiences. |
| Materials | Computers Skype Internet Connection Headsets (optional) Web Cameras |
| Procedure | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First, assign each student to a computer equipped with a webcam and headset. Ask the students to connect to Skype, but not to call anyone.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Many instructors find that teaching students how to use Skype is pointless. Most teachers throw their students into the program without any formal training since most are considered to be "Digital Natives."b. Prior to this, students should have formulated questions they want to ask the native about their experiences with the war.2. Have each student use Skype to locate an Iraqi or Aghanistan native to interview.3. Each student should 'skype' the native and interview them on their personal experiences with the war. Students should use their previously formulated questions as guidelines for the interview.4. Students should then write an article on their findings. Be sure that they point out any piece of information that contradicts or supports what the American media presented. Discuss the findings in a large group. |