

For this activity, you need to draw on prior knowledge and experiences to help you understand what is being read and apply your knowledge by making connections. Making connections is a strategy in which you find meaning by comparing what you already know with the events that are identified in the text. Exploring the themes related to your experiences and knowledge are compared to what you are reading. In order to make as many connections as possible, please follow the instructions in order below.

1. Read 3 current events articles about the same topic, each from a different source.
2. Determine and highlight the theme(s) from the each of the categories below that you can make a connection.
3. Choose and highlight at least 1 of the statement starters to complete.
4. Respond to the prompt following each category on the space provided.

Text – to – **SELF (YOUR LIFE)**

Themes to connect to SELF (YOUR LIFE)	Connecting statement starters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Family ◆ Friends ◆ Experiences you have had ◆ Things you have seen ◆ Places you have been ◆ Other (please provide) <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 10px;"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This reminds me of... 2. This is similar to... 3. This is different from... 4. Something like this happened when... 5. This relates to... 6. After reading this, I felt that... 7. My thoughts on the issue/topic/theme have/have not changed since reading this text because... 8. I learned that...

1. After choosing a connecting statement starter from above, (a) complete the statement and (b-c) provide at least 2 more statements that support your connection.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Text – to – **TEXT**

Themes to connect to another **TEXT**

Connecting statement starters

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Topic ◆ Message ◆ Fact/opinion ◆ Information ◆ Vocabulary ◆ Other (please provide) <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This reminds me of... 2. This is similar to... 3. This is different from... 4. Something like this happened when... 5. This relates to... 6. After reading this, I felt that... 7. My thoughts on the issue/topic/theme have/have not changed since reading this text because... 8. I learned that...
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b. _____

c. _____

Text – to – **WORLD**

Themes to connect to SELF (YOUR LIFE)	Connecting statement starters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Television ◆ Radio news ◆ Newspaper ◆ Magazines ◆ Internet/social media ◆ Other (please provide) <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This reminds me of... 2. This is similar to... 3. This is different from... 4. Something like this happened when... 5. This relates to... 6. After reading this, I felt that... 7. My thoughts on the issue/topic/theme have/have not changed since reading this text because... 8. I learned that...

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b. _____

c. _____

Text – to – **PAST**

Themes to connect to another **TEXT**

Connecting statement starters

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Justice ◆ Conflicts ◆ Environment ◆ Civil rights ◆ Legislative agenda ◆ Other (please provide) <hr style="width: 30%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This reminds me of... 2. This is similar to... 3. This is different from... 4. Something like this happened when... 5. This relates to... 6. After reading this, I felt that... 7. My thoughts on the issue/topic/theme have/have not changed since reading this text because... 8. I learned that...
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4. After choosing a connecting statement starter from above, (a) complete the statement and (b-c) provide at least 2 more statements that support your connection.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____
