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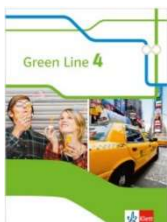
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	Cherokee Novel Written for Students	Author and teacher Annette Bird Saunooke Clapsaddle is the first published author from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Her mystery novel, <i>Even As We Breathe</i> , is set during World War II in the region of North Carolina where she spent her childhood, and it was written with her students in mind. Listen to hear how Clapsaddle's experiences growing up and learning from her Cherokee ancestors helped her write a novel that high school students, especially those who are of Native American descent, could relate to.
	Hope for Orcas in the Pacific Northwest	An orca is about to become a mama – again. Tahlequah first became famous in 2018 when she carried her calf, who died shortly after its birth, next to her for several weeks. Orcas, also known as killer whales, are endangered in the Pacific Northwest. The event highlighted not just the whales' capacity to feel sadness, but also the challenges faced by orcas as they struggle to reproduce. Now scientists have confirmed that Tahlequah is pregnant again. Listen to hear why the pregnancy is giving scientists hope and what people can do to help orcas survive.
	Keeping Native American Languages Alive	As part of Native American History month, listen to this story with students to hear one man's story about keeping alive his Native American language.
	Life on a Reservation: Native American Identity in Literature	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> tells the story of Arnold Spirit, a young Native American who leaves the reservation to get a better education. In this semi-autobiographical book, author Sherman Alexie discusses big issues including choosing your identity, figuring out where you belong and the hardships American Indians face living on reservations.
	One Square Inch of Silence	Places without any human-made sound are rapidly disappearing. The "One Square Inch of Silence" project aims to preserve one such place in the Hoh River Valley, located in Washington's Olympic National Park. Listen to a sound specialist guide a trek into the rainforest to experience natural silence.

	<p>Schools Bring Back Native American Languages</p>	<p>The state of Montana is adopting a new approach to maintaining and reviving Native American languages in the state. The state's new policy, to partially fund native language immersion in public schools, is very different from previous efforts to get rid of Native American language and culture through government boarding schools. Listen to learn more about the policies of the past and present, and why Native Americans in Montana feel strongly about passing their language on to the next generation.</p>
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	Instagram Somalia	Social media is used to post pictures, follow others, and communicate with friends and family. But it can also be used to share pictures of everyday life with people across the globe, changing perspectives and worldviews. This happened when Ugaaso Abukar Boocow, a Somali refugee living in Canada, returned to Somalia to explore her home country and spend time with her mother. The media often focus on civil war, violence and poverty that has plagued Somalia since the early 90's, but Ugaaso is exposing the world to the beauty and small moment of everyday life in the Somali capital Mogadishu through her Instagram feed.
	Lost Boys of Sudan	The civil war in South Sudan drove thousands of people from their homes. Many of them were children who were separated from their families. They were called "The Lost Boys." For more than a decade these refugees moved around, and many of them were relocated to the United States. In this radio story you will hear from a Lost Boy who was resettled in Colorado but later went back to Sudan to help his home country.

	Tourism Overcrowding on the Rise	In recent years, traveling has become easier for people all over the world. This has led to many popular tourist destinations being overcrowded, which can impact the tourist experience as well as the sites themselves. Cities like Paris, France and Tokyo, Japan have been hosting more visitors than they can handle, and special attractions in out-of-the-way places are also drawing unmanageably large crowds. Listen to this story to hear about the reasons for this tourist overcrowding and what tourist destinations are doing about it.
	War Worsens Global Food Crisis	The war in Ukraine is threatening to cause a crisis in global hunger. Ukraine is one of the world's biggest producers of grain, which it exports to Africa, the Middle East, and other places around the world. The war in Ukraine has hampered the country's ability to grow and harvest this important product, putting millions of people at risk. Listen to hear how Russia's attack on Ukraine has disrupted food supply chains and caused widespread problems of hunger and displacement.
Text smart 1 Drama	The Teenage Brain	The stereotypical teenager is moody, reckless and known for risky behavior. A new study of 12-year-olds playing a driving game has shed light on how the teenage brain works and why adolescents make the decisions they do. From brain development to the impact of an audience - this audio story will change the way you understand how the teenage brain works.
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	What New Refugees Need to Learn about Living in the U.S.	Refugees are people forced to leave their home country when it is no longer safe. They start new lives in places that usually have different languages, cultures, and practices from where they lived. When refugees arrive in the United States, they need to learn new customs and adapt to their surroundings while trying to find a job and begin a new life. Some people have never used a refrigerator or cooked some of the food found in American grocery stores. Listen to this story about how some refugees are learning the skills needed to get through everyday life.
Across cultures 3 At home with an American family	Learning to Manage Money	How much allowance money do kids typically get these days? A group of accountants recently conducted a survey to learn the current going rate for kids' pocket money. They also asked parents whether kids have to do chores for their allowances and polled kids on their savings habits. One expert called the survey results "a shocker." Listen to learn more about what the expert thinks kids should be learning about managing money and how families can help.

Unit 3 City of dreams: New York	Counting Homeless Youth	Every year, volunteers from Youth Count comb the streets of Dallas looking for homeless youth. The group's goal is to accurately count the number of young people living on the streets and collect data to help the city better meet their needs. Listen to hear a young woman describe how it felt to be homeless and discover how Youth Count aims to help end the problem.
	Debate: Should National Parks Be Controlled by Native Americans?	The U.S. National Park System includes over 84 million acres of land that is open to the public. Much of that land once belonged to Native American tribes. A writer and member of the Ojibwe tribe is suggesting a return of control of national park land to Native American people. He says the move would give our country a chance to make amends for long-standing injustices. Questions remain about how the parks would be controlled by the hundreds of tribes in the U.S., and how to ensure that the land would be protected. Listen to a tribal member's proposal and then debate: Should national parks be controlled by Native Americans?
Unit 4 The Pacific Northwest	Hope for Orcas in the Pacific Northwest	An orca is about to become a mama – again. Tahlequah first became famous in 2018 when she carried her calf, who died shortly after its birth, next to her for several weeks. Orcas, also known as killer whales, are endangered in the Pacific Northwest. The event highlighted not just the whales' capacity to feel sadness, but also the challenges faced by orcas as they struggle to reproduce. Now scientists have confirmed that Tahlequah is pregnant again. Listen to hear why the pregnancy is giving scientists hope and what people can do to help orcas survive.
	One Square Inch of Silence	Places without any human-made sound are rapidly disappearing. The "One Square Inch of Silence" project aims to preserve one such place in the Hoh River Valley, located in Washington's Olympic National Park. Listen to a sound specialist guide a trek into the rainforest to experience natural silence.
Text and media smart 2 Dealing with novels	Cherokee Novel Written for Students	Author and teacher Annette Bird Saunooke Clapsaddle is the first published author from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Her mystery novel, <i>Even As We Breathe</i> , is set during World War II in the region of North Carolina where she spent her childhood, and it was written with her students in mind. Listen to hear how Clapsaddle's experiences growing up and learning from her Cherokee ancestors helped her write a novel that high school students, especially those who are of Native American descent, could relate to.
	Life on a Reservation: Native American Identity in Literature	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> tells the story of Arnold Spirit, a young Native American who leaves the reservation to get a better education. In this semi-autobiographical book, author Sherman Alexie discusses big issues including choosing your identity, figuring out where you belong and the hardships American Indians face living on reservations.



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Across cultures The music of the US	Civil Rights Song	Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come" became a sensation in the African-American community and an anthem of the 1960's civil rights movement. Listen to this story to learn why "A Change is Gonna Come" was written and the impact it had on the Civil Rights movement.
	Jazz Musician Louis Armstrong	Born in 1901 in New Orleans, Louis Armstrong faced many hardships during childhood, including poverty, an unstable home, and community violence. Armstrong's love of music sustained him during hard times. With the help of some supportive adults, he developed his trumpet skills and eventually, revolutionized jazz music forever. Armstrong's talents extended to singing and acting, too. Listen to learn how Louis Armstrong went from a life of poverty to becoming one of the world's most famous and influential jazz musicians.
Unit 1 California dreaming	A Teenage Executive Producer	Marsai Martin is Hollywood's youngest executive producer. The 14-year-old pitched the idea for <i>Little</i> , a new comedy about a powerful executive who wakes up one morning in a child's body, and she stars in the film as well. The teen actor got her acting breakthrough at age 10 on the hit sitcom <i>Black-ish</i> . She is not classically trained, but her colleagues say she is wise beyond her years. Listen to hear more about how Little came to be and how Marsai Martin became its executive producer.
	California Gold Rush	In 1848, a man found a nugget of gold in a California stream. Eventually word spread, and thus began the California Gold Rush. People flooded the state from all over, hoping to strike it rich. These gold prospectors, also called 49ers, worked hard and lived in difficult conditions. Some saw success, while others never found gold at all. Towns swelled and prospered, and, when the rush was over, many became ghost towns. Listen to learn about the California Gold Rush and how it dramatically changed the lives of people and the landscape and population of California.
	Wildfires Threatening Giant Sequoia Trees	Sequoia National Park in California is home to some of the oldest and largest living things on Earth. Giant sequoia trees can grow to 300 feet tall and live for thousands of years. The sequoias in the park have survived dozens of forest fires over their long lifetimes. Recently, however, extreme heat, wildfires, and droughts have killed many of the treasured trees and prevented new ones from growing. Listen to hear how climate change is threatening the future of giant sequoias, and learn what people are doing to protect them.
Text and media smart 1 Dealing with news reports	Debate: Will Deepfakes Change How People View Media?	A deepfake is a piece of audio or video that has been manipulated to represent something that never actually happened. Created using advanced technology, deepfakes often look and sound so real that it is easy to be fooled by them. Many people worry that deepfakes will cause damage by spreading false information so widely that the truth will be lost. Some are concerned that deepfakes will erode people's trust in the media, causing them to dismiss truth as fiction. Listen to learn more about media manipulation and then debate: Will deepfakes change how people view media?

	Hearing from a Fake News Creator	Fake news stories with clickable headlines that millions of people read and share have become a focus during the U.S. Presidential Election. People who run fake news sites make a lot of money from advertising. The identities of these fake news creators can be hard to track. In this story a reporter pursued one story to its creator to learn about why he started writing fake news. Listen to hear more about how untrue news goes viral, and who creates these stories.
Unit 2 G'day Australia	Australian Animals	Australia is full of diverse and unusual animal life. It is home to hundreds of different species of marsupials, which are mammals that carry their babies in pouches, along with deadly snakes, spiders, and jellyfish. Listen to hear a story about exploring the Australian outback and learn about the unique adaptations and appearances of the animals living there.
	Kid News: Endangered Koalas	The Australian government has listed koalas as an endangered species across most of Australia's east coast. Koalas, tree-dwelling marsupials that are often mistaken for cute bears, have lost a lot of their habitat in recent years. Listen to learn more about koalas and find out how their inclusion on the endangered species list might help them begin to thrive.
	Wildfires in Australia	Wildfires are raging in Australia, threatening human and animal life. As the climate warms and rainfall and humidity decrease, large parts of the land have become dry and brittle – ideal conditions for fires to start suddenly and spread quickly. Listen to hear how intense heat and smoke are affecting daily life and what residents are doing to stay cool when temperatures reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
Text and media smart 2 Dealing with short stories	How to Tell a Good Story	Telling a good story takes thought and practice. People tell stories every day, in a variety of situations and for a variety of reasons. Knowing which stories to tell and how to tell them in an engaging and effective way is important. Storytellers need to consider what information to include (and <i>not</i> include), as well as how to organize important events and details. Listen to learn more about how to choose and tell a good story, and why knowing how to do so can strengthen social bonds.
	Kids' Author Inspires Creative Writing	How many ways are there to tell a story? According to author Adam Rubin, the answer is infinite! In his recently published book of short stories, Rubin crafts six tales, all called <i>The Ice Cream Machine</i> , that are drastically different from one another. He calls on his readers to send their own stories with the same title to help prove his point that each storyteller's vision is unique. Listen to a children's book author talk about his creative process and how he hopes to inspire kids.
Across cultures 3 The language of tolerance and respect	Rural Doctor Tries to Bridge Cultural Divide	Dr. Ayaz Virji moved to Dawson, Minnesota to help fill a need for doctors in rural America. At first, all was well, but during the 2016 election, the climate began to shift. As a Muslim, he no longer felt as welcome in Dawson, and he regularly faced discrimination. Virji decided to take action to help his community and others like it better understand and tolerate his faith and has since written a book about his experiences. Listen to hear Dr. Virji's story and learn about his plans for the future.
	Debate: Can Tolerance be Taught?	In 2017, five students who sprayed racist graffiti on a historic African-American schoolhouse received a sentence designed to educate them about how racism has impacted people's lives throughout history. They were assigned twelve books to read and respond to in writing. Listen to this interview with the state official who devised this unusual sentence and then debate: Can tolerance be taught?
	Identity Across Generations	In 1969, Lynn Girton fell in love with a woman for the first time ever, not even understanding what homosexuality was. Her adopted daughter Molly is also gay, and despite this commonality has had a very different experience of life. Listen to hear mother and daughter discuss their different experiences of gender and sexual identity.

	Religious Expression and Fashion	The First Amendment protects freedom of religion and freedom of expression, but what about religious expression? The U.S. Supreme Court is considering a case where religious expression and company policy clash. When a 17-year-old Muslim woman applied to work at Abercrombie and Fitch, her applicant score was downgraded because she wore a headscarf to her interview. Abercrombie argues that wearing caps is against their “Look Policy” and that Samantha Elauf should have asked for an accommodation. Elauf argues that Abercrombie broke the law banning religious discrimination in employment. Listen to learn more about this First Amendment debate.
	Singular “They” Enters the Dictionary	The editors of the Merriam-Webster dictionary added a new meaning of the pronoun “they” to its pages, sparking controversy. Although “they” has long been understood to mean several people, now it can also be used to refer to one person who does not identify as either male or female. Some people find this confusing, while others welcome the addition of a word that is already commonly used. Listen to hear a dictionary editor explain how the tricky decision to add a new word to the dictionary is made.
Unit 3 The world of work	Being a Police Officer	Police officers have been a part of communities in America for a long time. Their job is to help keep people safe and ensure that citizens are following the laws. However, there have been many protests recently across the country because of how some police officers treat people of color, particularly those who are Black. There are many different ideas about how to improve police departments. Listen to hear a Black female police officer talk about her career and her thoughts about policing today.
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	Incentives to Work Hard	In 1930, the economist John Maynard Keynes wrote an essay in which he predicted that by the time his children were grown up, people would be working just 15 hours a week. Today, in some countries, people do work a bit less than they did fifty years ago, but Keynes’s prediction was essentially wrong. There is a counter-intuitive response to incentives, and that is one factor that keeps people working long hours. According to his descendants, Keynes himself was a workhorse who couldn’t slow down. Listen to this audio story to learn more about Keynes and why making money doesn’t necessarily free us to work less.
	Meteorologists Study the Weather	Weather is constantly changing, and it affects peoples’ lives every day. Meteorologists study the weather and help people prepare for what is coming by giving weather forecasts. In this audio story, a meteorologist describes his fascination with weather from a young age and how his fear of extreme weather inspired him to learn more about it. Listen to a meteorologist discuss his job and why he loves it, and hear him answer questions about extreme weather, waves, and climate.
	What is Being an Ecologist Really Like?	It's easy for some people to imagine what it's like to be a doctor, lawyer, or teacher. However, the day-to-day life of a shellfish and wetland ecologist can be a little more difficult to understand. Discover what an ecologist does by hearing from Danielle Kreeger, the science director for a group that works to protect and improve the Delaware River and Bay. Listen to hear more about her career as an ecologist.

Text and media smart 3 Dealing with speeches	Kids Give Stump Speeches	What is the best way to persuade others to support your views? A stump speech contest in New Hampshire invited teens to explore that question. Students from across the country wrote and delivered compelling political campaign speeches focused on issues that matter to them, including climate change, immigration, and equal pay for women. Listen to hear students read parts of their winning speeches and learn what one judge believes makes speeches especially strong.
	The Role of Second Gentleman	When Vice President Kamala Harris became the first female vice president of the United States, her husband Doug Emhoff became the first ever second gentleman of the United States. In this role, Mr. Emhoff supports the Biden-Harris Administration as needed. For example, he accompanies Vice President Harris during official travels and makes appearances at events. As the second gentleman, he is also symbolically sending a message about gender equity. Listen to learn more about Mr. Emhoff's experiences as the first second gentleman and to hear the advice he shares.

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Free choice	Dreaming of College	Going to college is a dream for many people. Alex Gutierrez is a 16-year-old junior at International Leadership of Texas high school, and would like to go to college and study criminal justice to become an FBI agent or a police detective. Her mother also has hopes for Alex to be successful. But finding and applying for college can be overwhelming. Listen to hear about the fears and hopes of Alex as well as her mother, about going to college. This story from KERA also has resources that can provide more information about the process.
	Teen Girls and Positive Social Media Messages	Social media has the power to influence our personal lives as well as the world around us. In this audio story, you will hear about a group of teenage girls who took to social media to fight bullying and to effect change in their educational environments. Students explain how Instagram helped them to build confidence among their group of friends, as well as how they used Twitter to raise awareness about dress code issues at school. Listen to learn more about the positive ways in which teenage girls are using social media to build self-esteem and feel empowered.
	Kamala Harris Inspires Youth	As the first woman, who is also biracial, to be elected vice president, Kamala Harris is an inspiration to young people around the country. Girls and young people of color, in particular, see her as a role model, and many have attended campaign events to catch a glimpse of her in person. Harris has used those opportunities to encourage girls to become leaders and imagine new roles for themselves. Listen to hear girls who admire Kamala Harris describe the impact she has had on them, and hear her own words of advice to young people.

	School's Unsung Heroes Celebrated in Winning Student Podcast	Eighth grade students from Sayre School in Lexington, Ky. won the middle school prize for NPR's Student Podcast Challenge in 2021. Their podcast celebrates their school's small maintenance crew, who work hard to take care of the buildings and grounds where students learn each day, despite little recognition. This story includes the student podcasters' interviews with members of the maintenance crew and other students and features their carefully chosen sound effects and tales of memorable maintenance feats. Listen to hear more about the school's hardworking maintenance crew and learn how the young podcasters hope to impact listeners.
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	Teens and Stress	For many high school students, stress related to academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and homework affects their mental and physical health. In this audio story, psychologists discuss when stress is helpful and when it is hurtful. Some parents and their teens discuss ways they have tried to lessen school stress, allowing life to be more manageable and enjoyable. Listen to hear more about how high school students and their parents have decided to make changes to lessen stress while still aiming to be high achievers.
The digital age	Debate: Should Student Communication Be Monitored?	In response to mass shootings, many schools are turning to new technologies to help keep their campuses safe. There are a variety of systems that can monitor students' communication and behavior and detect indicators of potential violence. However, some argue that these technologies violate students' privacy rights and civil liberties. Listen to learn more about this complex issue and then debate: Should student communication be monitored?
	Anonymous Compliments Via App	A new app is available allowing people to send anonymous compliments to one another. A twenty-five year old developer came up with the idea of creating a virtual compliment box able to impact people around the world. On the app, people can leave each other anonymous compliments, see photos of positive reactions and can choose to reveal their identity later. Listen to learn more about the origins of the app, and how the founder hopes to use it to create a kinder, more empathetic culture.
	Debate: Does Social Media Affect Your Behaviour?	Social media has an interesting effect on teenagers and the way they think. This study used social media and tested how teens responded to various photos online. Teens were shown an image that was deemed to have lots of "likes." The teens tended to like the image also. They found that teens responded strongly to the more popular pictures, regardless of which ones they were. Seeing popular pictures also produced greater activation in the reward centers of the brain. Listen to hear more about the effect of social media on the way teens think.
	Giving Up Your Phone	At a high school in Tennessee, a teacher asked his students to go without their phones for 24 hours. He says cell phones are an addiction where there is always something for students to see and something for students to do. He wanted them to see what happened when they lived a day without them. Listen to this story to hear the reaction of the students and how they filled their time without their phones.
	Playing with Poetry	NPR asks listeners to share their original tweet-length poems during poetry month. In this interview, a poet and professor at James Madison University recites and analyzes some of her favorite poems shared during NPR's poetry month campaign. Listen to hear the poems, her views on poetic form, and the advice she offers those who may be shy about putting their thoughts on paper.

Bridging the gap	California Teen Lives Between Borders	More people have been deported from the U.S. in the last decade, starting under the Obama administration, than at any other point in history. Deportations occur for any number of reasons—criminal activity, improper paperwork, and so on—but regardless of the reason, they always have an impact far beyond the person who is removed from the country. Listen to hear how having her father deported has affected one teen and her family.
	Debate: Are Emoji Skin Tones Helpful?	Deciding which thumbs up emoji to add to a post may sound trivial, but for many people the dilemma carries with it larger questions about racial identity, awareness, and even politics. Using an emoji demands that people make their race explicit – and with that comes difficult choices. For a person who identifies as Black but is seen by others as white, which emoji should be used? What does it mean when a white person uses the bright yellow emoji versus a more realistic light-skinned color? Listen to hear emoji-users and a social media researcher discuss the racial politics of emojis and then debate: Are emoji skin tones useful?
	Diversity in High School	Many cities have seen growth in their population, and the high schools in these cities have become a fusion of races and ethnicities. Frisco, Texas has changed dramatically in the last twenty-five years. Not only has it changed from a sleepy railroad town into a bustling suburb of a major city, it has also changed a great deal demographically. A town that was once 75% white is now a mix of people from all over the world. Listen to hear how those demographic changes have affected the lives of students at one of its newest high schools.
	Helping Refugees Adapt to U.S. Culture	Refugees arriving in the United States typically get 3 months of government funded support. It's often not enough time to adjust and learn everything from navigating the medical system to finding transportation and a job. One teacher in Virginia started a non-profit to connect refugees with people in the community to help them adjust to a new country and culture. Listen to hear more about this program.
	Race and Equality in Policing	Demonstrations and unrest in Ferguson Missouri continue in response to the shooting death of Michael Brown, the unarmed black teenager killed by local police on August 9th. This public radio story brings us sounds of these demonstrations and voices of Ferguson residents. Listen to learn more about the underlying racial tensions that exist between Ferguson residents and police.
Think globally, act locally	Debate: How Can We Address Global Pollution?	Although the United States has cut its emissions of smog-forming pollutants by half over the past few decades, smog levels in the Western United States have increased each year. Now, scientists believe that rising emissions in Asia are causing smog in the United States. Asian emissions have tripled over the past decades and are particularly high in China and India. During the spring, storms lift and carry emissions from Asia to the Western United States, causing fog. Listen to learn more about how emissions levels in different parts of the world are changing and how global climate systems move emissions around the Earth and then debate: How can we address global pollution?
	Debate: How a Teenager Influenced the Straw Debate	Newspapers and magazines around the world have reported on a stunning statistic about how many plastic straws Americans throw away every day. Unfortunately, that number isn't quite right. As it turns out, a teenager calculated that statistic years ago. Since then, it's spread far and wide, affecting the way we use plastic straws throughout the country. Listen to hear the story of how a teenager changed the plastic straw debate forever.
	Is Water a Basic Human Right? Water Shut Offs in Detroit Spark Protests	Detroit's water department is going after past due bills by shutting off thousands of customers who haven't paid their water bills. Residents are responding by protesting saying that water is a basic human right. And they are turning to the internet to find ways to illegally turn the water back on. Listen to this story to learn the impact of water shut-offs.

	Preventing Expansion of the Sahara Desert	The Sahara Desert is expanding due to cycles of drought. A scientist at the University of Maryland who studies the earth's atmosphere has proposed a solution to this problem involving solar panels and windmills. Listen to learn how her proposed solution could change the future climate of the Sahara region and harness energy at the same time.
Crossing borders	Chinese Students in the US	China sends more students to the United States than any other country, and a growing number of them are teenagers. More than 23,000 Chinese teens attend U.S. high schools, hoping to get into a good college. These students are exposed to a very different kind of education than in their home country. Money is not a barrier for many families, and there are many tutoring centers that add to the costs of private schools. Loneliness can be a problem for foreign students and some act out. Listen to this story to hear more about these Chinese teenagers in U.S. schools.
	Crossing the Southern Border for College	The high cost of college in California is prompting students to cross the Mexican border in search of affordable options. CETYS, a private university with campuses in three Mexican border towns, currently enrolls over 300 California students. Many live at home and make the short commute across the border each day. Listen to hear CETYS students explain what drew them south for college and how their American friends and family reacted.
	Gap Year	President Obama's daughter, Malia, is taking a year off before starting college in the fall. Taking a break from academics the year after high school before starting college is commonly called a "gap year." Although it's often an option for wealthy families, it's starting to be a real option for more high school graduates. Colleges are looking for students who have more life experience and independence. Listen to hear more about the benefits of taking a gap year.
	Indian American Teen Podcasts About Her Cultural Identity	Kriti Sarav, a 16-year-old from Chicago, won the high school prize for NPR's Student Podcast Challenge in 2021. Her winning podcast, which she created all by herself, discusses her life growing up Indian American. She recalls some of the many messages she has received that she is different and explains their impact on her over time. Listen to hear Sarav tell her story and find out how she helps herself and others feel proud and strong.
	Learning About Mexican Culture Through Tacos	One University professor is combining scholarship with an exploration of the Latino culture using the rich history of tacos. He uses food to connect his students to Mexican people and their narratives. Students travel to a taqueria to explore the food of Mexico, discussing history and culture to create understanding along with identifying misconceptions. Listen to hear this professor discuss questions of cultural appropriation and relationships to power as he teaches his students about Mexican culture using food.
South Africa	Nadine Gordimer Fought Apartheid with her Writings About South Africa	Nadine Gordimer was a white South African who was also an observer of the everyday experience of 'Blacks under Apartheid'. She wrote 15 novels including 'Lying Days,' 'A World of Strangers,' 'A Sport of Nature,' and 'The Conservationist.' She won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1991 and died in 2014 at the age of 90. Listen to learn more about this influential writer.
	Nelson Mandela's Fight for Freedom in South Africa	Nelson Mandela was an inspiring leader, much like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He confronted a system of oppression and helped bring justice to the oppressed. Mandela was a young lawyer who became an activist in the highly segregated South Africa. He spent nearly 30 years in prison for his activities. Upon his release, he was elected as the nation's first black African president. During his time in office, Mandela strove to heal a deeply wounded and fragile nation. Listen to hear Mandela's life story, told shortly after his death at age 95.

	Remembering Archbishop Desmond Tutu	Archbishop Desmond Tutu has died. The South African priest spent much of his life fighting to end apartheid, or the forced separation of the races legislated by South Africa's all-white minority government. Once the system fell, he served under President Nelson Mandela as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which examined apartheid-era crimes. Tutu's fairness, compassion for victims, and dedication to justice earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. Listen to learn more about the life and legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
	Slave Ship Discovered	The journey of slaves from Africa to the New World has been well documented but very few artifacts from the time exist. The founding director of the Smithsonian's African American Museum has been hunting for the remains of a slave ship for years and has finally found one off the coast of South Africa. Listen to learn more about the discovery, the story behind the boat and how the Smithsonian hopes to use parts of the boat in museum exhibits.

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	Debate: Should We Repeal the Second Amendment?	After recent mass shootings there has been a lot of talk about guns. In this country, it's hard to restrict guns because of the Second Amendment. There is a large divide between people supporting gun rights and people supporting gun control. The current politics in the United States do not support changing our Constitution, even after many mass shootings. But, the Supreme Court has said that the individual right to bear arms may be regulated. Listen to this story and then debate: Should we repeal the Second Amendment?
	Love and Care Across Generations	In many families and cultures it is common to have multiple generations living under one roof. This type of multigenerational living arrangement is experiencing a resurgence in the United States as the baby boomer generation ages. As families make decisions about how to care for their elders, some households expand and become multigenerational. The Martin family of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is one of these families. When David Martin's grandmother AnnaBelle Bowers, also known as "Snootzie," needed care, he and his wife LaDonna decided to have her come live with them. David, LaDonna and their two children have worked together to make this experience a good one. Listen to learn how they balance their responsibilities across the generations.

	Young Adult Dystopia	Dystopian fiction is tremendously popular with young people all over the US right now. Books like "The Hunger Games" dominate bestseller lists for young people. But what is so appealing about this genre? This story features commentary from teens themselves and from scholars who study the subject. Listen to find out why this genre has such an impact on its audience.
Faith and religion	John Calvin's Puritanism and U.S. Culture	John Calvin, one of the central figures in the Protestant reformation more than 500 years ago, has left an indelible mark on American culture. Though we think of his theology as representing the most joyless version of Protestantism possible, some of what we think about him now isn't particularly accurate to who the man was and what he believed. Listen to find out how one historian views Calvin's legacy, and what more we can learn from his example.
	Religion in Science Class	The separation of church and state is part of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It was intended to ensure religious freedom. It's been debated and challenged for decades. Most recently, the debate centered around what role religious beliefs should have on what students learn in biology class. Should schools teach evolution or intelligent design? Or should schools note evolution is a theory? Listen to learn more about the first major legal challenge to a policy on how to teach biology in Pennsylvania.
The United Kingdom	Britain Leaves the European Union	The United Kingdom (UK), which includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, has officially left the European Union (EU), a partnership of 28 countries promoting peace and economic cooperation. Since the vote to exit the EU in 2016, known as "Brexit," British leaders and citizens have struggled to determine what the move will mean for their economy and way of life, including the freedom to work and travel easily throughout Europe. Listen to hear what Prime Minister Boris Johnson says about Brexit now that it has finally happened, and why Brits across the country are reacting with glee, dismay, and calls for action.
	Britain off the World Stage	Great Britain has a long history as a global power. From colonies around the world to diplomatic leadership, Britain has been a powerful leader through history. But the United Kingdom's involvement and influence has waned in recent years. Since Britain's involvement in the military conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the British people and their politicians in Parliament have withdrawn from the world stage and turned their attentions inward. Listen to learn more about the causes and effects of Britain's surprising absence from the world stage.
	Racism and British Royalty	In a recent television interview, Prince Harry, grandson of Queen Elizabeth of England, and his wife, Meghan Markle, aired their grievances against the British royal family. The couple spoke publicly for the first time since stepping back from their royal duties a year ago. Meghan, who is biracial, objected to what she felt were racist comments from family members as well as the palace's insensitivity to her mental health needs. Listen to hear more about the young couple's disappointment with Buckingham Palace and why they chose to leave the royal life behind.
	Scotland Votes No to Independence	On Thursday Scottish citizens, 16 and above, turned out in record numbers to vote on the referendum on Scottish independence from the United Kingdom. Scotland and England joined to become the United Kingdom of Britain in 1707. Three-hundred and seven years later, 55% of Scottish voters voted No to independence and chose to remain in the United Kingdom. But this does not mean the status quo will remain the same. British Prime Minister David Cameron has promised Scots increased autonomy and decision making power over Scottish domestic policy. Listen to this public radio story with your class and discuss what the vote means for the future of unified United Kingdom.
	The Power of Winston Churchill's Speeches	Winston Churchill, prime minister of Great Britain during World War II, was a master orator. His speeches were painstakingly written, meticulously planned and seamlessly delivered. Churchill was given a Nobel Prize in Literature for his powerful speeches and his other written works. Listen to learn more about the speeches that Churchill wrote and delivered, and the effect they had on shaping World War II.

India	Caste System in Modern Day India	The Caste systems plays a major role in Indian society. It a system that divides people into categories, giving privileges to higher castes and denying them for lower castes. The family you are born into can determine your job, where you live, and whom you marry. Even after discrimination based on the caste system was banned in the 1950s, it has certainly not been forgotten. One woman born into the untouchable caste, the lowest caste in Indian society, moved to America and became a subway conductor in New York. Listen to her story of discrimination and how the caste system still follows her.
	India-Pakistan Relations	The rivalry between India and Pakistan dates back to the partition of the former British colony in 1947. Lines were drawn along religious lines. Pakistan was a region for Muslims and India a region for Hindus. More than 60 years later the relationship remains tense. Listen to hear a story about partition from the perspective of India and learn about recent events in India that have intensified the rivalry. This piece, told from the viewpoint of India, is a companion piece to the audio story at the heart of the lesson Trouble between India and Pakistan Dates Back to Partition which focuses on partition and the Pakistani perspective.
	Nuclear Power in India	The demand for electricity in India is rising, but India relies on coal for the majority of their power. The hope of a new deal with the United States is to help India transition from dirty coal to cleaner nuclear energy. U.S. companies will sell nuclear technology to Indian power companies so they can transition to a cleaner energy source. This might be good for the earth, but what about for security? Listen to learn about the pros and cons of this international energy deal.
	Teenager Cycles Across India to Take Her Father Home	A teen in India has become a celebrity after bicycling across the country carrying her dad. Fifteen-year-old Djoti made the trip when she and her father found themselves close to starvation and desperate to return to their home village. Djoti rode roughly 100 miles a day on a bicycle with no gears. Listen to hear the young athlete describe how she felt during the long journey, and learn how sports officials responded to her incredible feat.
	Trouble between India and Pakistan Dates Back to Partition	India and Pakistan have been in conflict since the British drew a line across India in 1947 that created two opposing nations. Pakistan's military focuses on preparing for a conflict with India, and its government teaches its citizens to fear India. India and Pakistan have gone to war twice over the disputed region Kashmir that lies between them like a no-mans-land. Listen to learn about the legacy of the 1947 partition.
Shakespeare	Letters to Juliet	William Shakespeare's tragic romance of star crossed lovers, based on an Italian tale, graced stages in the 1590's and continues to capture audiences and imagination today. Modern adaptations demonstrate the timelessness of this romantic tragedy. Juliet appeals so directly to people that they actually write to her! Listen to learn more about the Juliet Club and the 6,000 letters they receive a year.
	Shakespeare in Every Country	Shakespeare's classic play <i>Hamlet</i> has been performed many hundreds of times since its original performance in 1609. In honor of Shakespeare's 450th birthday, the touring company from the Globe Theater in England planned an ambitious tour, performing one of the bard's greatest tragedies in every nation on Earth over two years. They chose the play <i>Hamlet</i> and performed it in 197 countries. Listen to learn how they planned to accomplish this monumental task, and what the world can learn from <i>Hamlet</i> .
	Who Wrote Shakespeare's Plays?	William Shakespeare is commonly considered one of western civilization's greatest playwrights. But a persistent debate continues to rage around his legacy. Did the man we know as William Shakespeare actually write all those poems and plays? This story features two Shakespearean actors who have come to doubt the author. Listen to learn more about the debate surrounding the authorship of Shakespeare's works.

	Women in Shakespeare	William Shakespeare is one of the most well-known playwrights in history. His stories of love, tragedy, comedy and history written in the late 1500s have transcended the centuries thanks to their timeless themes and complex characters. Author Tina Packer has tracked the development of Shakespeare's female characters through his writing career and suggests that from "Romeo and Juliet" on, Shakespeare wrote unusually complex women for his time and should be considered a proto-feminist. Listen to learn more about the development of these female characters over his career.
The Englishes	Fluency in Second Language Recognized in Diploma	Some high schools give special recognition to students who can speak and read in two languages. At graduation, these students receive a bi-literacy seal on their diplomas that recognizes not only test scores but also the value of learning two languages. This distinction shows appreciation for cultural perspectives and celebrates diversity, along with making these students ready to succeed in a global environment. Listen to learn more about this new movement to honor fluency in a second language.
	Saving the Hawaiian Language	Hawaiian is a Polynesian language that has been spoken for centuries in the volcanic islands of Hawaii. The indigenous Pacific Islanders living in Hawaii were prevented from speaking Hawaiian after the U.S. takeover in the late 1800s. By the 1970s, only about 50 people under the age of 18 still knew how to speak the native Hawaiian language. In recent years, Hawaiian people concerned about losing their language and its cultural value have led a movement to revive the language among younger generations. Listen to this story to hear about a Hawaiian language immersion school where parents are learning along with their children in the hope of reconnecting with and preserving an important part of their culture.
	Slang Through The Ages	From accents to slang to dialect, people who speak English do not always sound the same. The way people speak reflects a lot of different factors in their lives including region, race, class and education. Some slang is reflective of an era. The word "groovy" will forever be linked to hippies, while other pronunciations reflect a longer history of language, colonization and power. Listen to learn how the pronunciation of the word "ask" has changed over time, and how the black community uses code-switching to adapt to their surroundings.
	The Unsuccessful Quest For A Universal Language	In the 17th century, people were determined to overcome communications barriers between the people of the world by creating a universal language. Sir Isaac Newton is known for discovering gravity, but he was also the creator of the "Newtonian" language. The language Newton created was never successful. The language of Esperanto was created in the 1960 but also never caught on. Listen to learn more about invented languages and why they never became universal.
The arts	Debate: How Can the Meaning of Art Be Changed?	The sculpture 'Fearless Girl,' is the name given to a statue that was placed directly in front of the famous Wall Street Bull statue. The statue depicts the girl putting her hands on her hips and staring down the bull, symbolizing female possibility. However, many feel the statue is an empty gesture and that it is condescending to represent womanhood with a cute young girl. Some think it changes the meaning of the bull from a symbol of strength to a symbol of a villain. Listen to learn more about the statue's impact as well as the controversy surrounding it, then debate whether the meaning of art can be changed.
	How Art in the White House Reflect America	When a new administration takes over the presidency, the first family has the right to make some decorative changes to the White House, including changes to the art that hangs on the walls. The White House is an accredited museum, with a committee of curators that work to select, obtain and pay for new pieces of art. Part of a White House curator's job is to make decisions about how to make a collection that best represents the United States and its history. Listen to learn more about the history of the art collection in the White House and how the curation works today.

The media	Debate: Is Leaking Information Acceptable in Some Cases?	It is easier today for whistleblowers to leak confidential information to the press as a result of several new high-tech tools for leaking. Using encrypted messaging apps and email services, ordinary people are now able to give anonymous tips to news outlets. The Washington Post, New York Times and ProPublica have published guides that outline different options for sending in anonymous tips. At the same time, technology is also allowing the government and law enforcement to seize the personal information and communication history of whistleblowers and journalists. Listen to learn more about these new tools and then debate: Do you believe leaks are criminal or is leaking information acceptable in some cases?
	Debate: Should Police Have Access to School Surveillance Cameras?	In Springfield, Massachusetts, police have been given access to surveillance camera footage taken inside and outside of public school buildings, causing controversy in the community. School officials say the cameras will make schools safer by allowing police to respond quickly to emergencies. Opponents say that police could misinterpret student behavior, however, and unfairly target Black and brown students. Listen to hear school officials and community members express their views and then debate: Should police have access to school surveillance cameras?
	Facebook Hires Fact Checkers for Fake News	Fake news spreads quickly across the Internet resulting in fictional stories shared by millions of people. Facebook, one of the largest social media networks, is trying to combat fake news by hiring journalists to uncover false stories shared across its platform. One person hired to fact-check flagged posts spends her days filing reports that debunk stories shared across Facebook. However, the communication between Facebook and the journalists lacks transparency and journalists are asking for more help. Listen to learn about what is needed to combat fake news.
	Journalists Increasingly Using Drones to Get Sneak Peek at a Story	Drones are not just for military use anymore. They are being used by journalists to report stories. But this is raising some privacy concerns.
	What Could Replace Facebook?	Facebook is only 14 years old, but it's the dominant social network used by two-thirds of American adults. With news about it sharing private information or spreading fake news, some are calling on users to boycott Facebook and turn to other social networks. But which ones? Listen to this story to learn why Facebook is so dominant and how it would be very difficult for any new social network to overtake Facebook's popularity.
Globalisation	Corals in the Great Barrier Reef Struggle to Stay Alive	Earth's largest living organism, the Great Barrier Reef, has had record losses of coral in the last few years. A team of scientists estimate that an average of one-third of the corals along the entire Great Barrier Reef died between March and November of 2016. The global rise in greenhouse gas emissions has made ocean temperatures rise and has contributed to the number of coral that is dying, which is devastating for thousands of species that depend on the reef. Listen to hear more details about the loss of coral and the causes.
	Outsourcing's Ties to Globalization	Outsourcing happens when a company in the U.S. stops hiring American workers and hires workers in foreign countries instead. The benefit for the U.S. company is that workers in other countries make much less money than American workers, so the company saves money. In the early 2000s, more Americans began to protest against outsourcing because it created unemployment in the U.S. This public radio story introduces a man who built a business around helping companies outsource, and who stands by the practice despite its controversial aspects.
	Significance of Time Zones	Time zones have reflected a changing world of politics, commerce and technology. This audio story explores the history of time zones and the transition from local time to a global, coordinated standard time, which wasn't always an easy transition.

	The Cheapest Place to Make a T-Shirt	Making a T-shirt takes a lot of time, but it can be made cheaply. The origins of your T-shirts probably come from Mississippi, where cotton is grown, and the shirts were probably spun in Indonesia. In this story, reporters track the assembly of a T-shirt to Bangladesh and try to understand why that Asian country is currently "the cheapest place in the world to make a T-shirt." Bangladesh has established a specialization in garment production, and Bangladeshi garment factories further specialize in the production of cotton garments. Listen to the story to learn how these factories manage to undercut the prices of their competitors in other major garment producing countries and what the future may hold in store for them.
	The Last Baseball Glove Factory in America	In a small town in Texas, near cattle pastures and crop fields, is the Nokona baseball glove factory. The family-owned business is now the only baseball glove manufacturer left in the U.S. While Nokona gloves are not as well known as some other major brands, Nokona does have a respected and established position in the youth baseball market. Listen to hear more about the last baseball glove factory in the United States of America.
South Africa	Nadine Gordimer Fought Apartheid with her Writings About South Africa	Nadine Gordimer was a white South African who was also an observer of the everyday experience of 'Blacks under Apartheid'. She wrote 15 novels including 'Lying Days,' 'A World of Strangers,' 'A Sport of Nature,' and 'The Conservationist.' She won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1991 and died in 2014 at the age of 90. Listen to learn more about this influential writer.
	Nelson Mandela's Fight for Freedom in South Africa	Nelson Mandela was an inspiring leader, much like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He confronted a system of oppression and helped bring justice to the oppressed. Mandela was a young lawyer who became an activist in the highly segregated South Africa. He spent nearly 30 years in prison for his activities. Upon his release, he was elected as the nation's first black African president. During his time in office, Mandela strove to heal a deeply wounded and fragile nation. Listen to hear Mandela's life story, told shortly after his death at age 95.
	Slave Ship Discovered	The journey of slaves from Africa to the New World has been well documented but very few artifacts from the time exist. The founding director of the Smithsonian's African American Museum has been hunting for the remains of a slave ship for years and has finally found one off the coast of South Africa. Listen to learn more about the discovery, the story behind the boat and how the Smithsonian hopes to use parts of the boat in museum exhibits.
Political systems	King Charles I: Traitor and Tyrant	In the 17th Century, civil war gripped Great Britain. Over the course of the century, war and revolution would eventually lead to the transformation of England into a constitutional monarchy in which the monarch was to share power with Parliament, and the rights of the people would be legally protected. Along the way, England would experience political turmoil and incredible amounts of bloodshed. Part of this story is the trial and execution of King Charles I. Listen to the story of Charles I's trial and execution, the motivations of the men behind it, and the important legacy it left behind.
	Republicans Target Statehouses in Midterm Elections	Many voters do not realize the importance of state elections and therefore do not pay as close attention to candidates for state office as they do to those for federal office. Governors and state representatives make many decisions that affect people's daily lives, such as how money will be spent on schools and roads, and often these state politicians move on to national leadership positions. Listen to hear how campaign leaders from both major political parties are working to try to gain or hold power in these influential midterm races.

Migration and diversity	"Sea Prayer" for Syrian Refugees	Renowned author Khaled Hosseini, who wrote <i>The Kite Runner</i> and other novels about Afghanistan, has written a new short illustrated book called <i>Sea Prayer</i> about the Syrian refugee crisis. The book takes the form of a letter from a father to a son, describing his memories of their homeland before war forced them to leave. Listen to the author read excerpts and explain why he wrote the book.
	Climate Change and Human Migration	Migration has been a huge part of human history. Experts agree that early humans started out in Africa and began to migrate out of Africa to different parts of Europe and Asia around 100,000 years ago. This migration occurred in waves, but we don't know why early humans left Africa. Recent research supports the theory that climate change may have been the force that drove early humans out. Scientists have shown a correlation between changes in dust, buried pollen, and coral and periods in early human history of migration. As early humans looked for new food sources, the research indicates, they began to relocate. Listen to hear more about what may have caused humans to migrate.
	Immigration Policy Then and Now	The United States is a nation of immigrants. European immigrants in the late 1800s populated our nation and were granted citizenship upon entry. The immigration system has changed dramatically since, and America's borders are no longer open to all. Hostility towards immigrants has led to a crackdown on illegal immigration in various states. Arizona's Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhood Act, commonly known as SB 1070, was passed in 2010 and became the strictest anti-immigration measure in recent history. Listen to learn how this law has impacted Arizona and its immigrants.
	Indian American Teen Podcasts About Her Cultural Identity	Kriti Sarav, a 16-year-old from Chicago, won the high school prize for NPR's Student Podcast Challenge in 2021. Her winning podcast, which she created all by herself, discusses her life growing up Indian American. She recalls some of the many messages she has received that she is different and explains their impact on her over time. Listen to hear Sarav tell her story and find out how she helps herself and others feel proud and strong.
	Reconsidering the "Hispanic" Label	National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans with origins in countries once under Spanish influence. The term "Hispanic" was added to the U.S. census to identify members of a diverse group of people with common interests. However, some people feel the term is problematic because of its connection to Spanish colonialism. Many prefer the term "Latino," while others like to be identified by their national heritage. Listen to hear a journalist explain various preferences for naming ethnic identity and what they mean to people.
International relations	Free Speech Limited in Hong Kong	After many years of British rule, Hong Kong, a peninsula and islands jutting out from China's southern coast, was returned to China in 1997. The Chinese government agreed that for the next 50 years, the residents of Hong Kong could continue to embrace capitalism and enjoy democratic freedoms, a sharp contrast to repressive conditions in mainland China. Recently, though, the Chinese government reversed its promises and began to restrict the legal rights of Hong Kong citizens, prompting protests and, in response, a government crackdown. Listen to a reporter describe how Chinese authorities have repressed basic freedoms in Hong Kong and transformed the daily lives of its residents.
	Ping-Pong Diplomacy 50 Years Later	The U.S. and China have a long history of mistrust and competition. In 1971, though, an unusual situation helped thaw this chilly relationship. At the invitation of China's communist leader, Mao Zedong, the U.S. Olympic table tennis team visited China for a 10-day tour and tournament. The widely publicized visit sparked a process that eventually allowed President Richard Nixon to accomplish one of his top priorities – opening dialogue with China. Listen to learn how Ping-Pong Diplomacy influenced the relationship between the U.S. and China and where that relationship stands 50 years later.

	UK Votes to Exit European Union	The European Union is a political and economic partnership of 28 countries that's been in place for more than four decades. In what has been named "Brexit," the United Kingdom voted by a slim margin to exit the EU. The Prime Minister, David Cameron, campaigned to stay in the EU and stated that leaving would be disastrous for Britain. He is now announcing his resignation. Those who voted to leave the EU stated resentment about immigration, as well as economic and cultural costs of belonging to the EU. Listen to hear more about the economic repercussions as well as political effects of this decision.
The US then and now	Black Lawmaker Experiences Racism	A black state representative from Oregon was going door-to-door to speak with the voters she represents in her district when one of the neighborhood residents called the police. The resident thought the state representative was suspicious for knocking on doors, likely because of her race. Listen to find out how the state representative responded to the police and hear what she thinks can be done to make situations like these better in the future.
	Debate: Is Pluralism Still an American Ideal?	The motto of the United States of America, "E Pluribus Unum," meaning "Out of Many, One," represents an ideal as old as the nation. A recent study investigated how people currently feel about living in a pluralistic society, side-by-side with those who are different from them. The study found that large numbers of Americans reported having little contact with people of different religions, races, or political beliefs. Listen to a reporter involved in the study discuss the poll results and then debate: Is pluralism still an American ideal?
	Memoir of an Undocumented Immigrant	Jose Antonio Vargas is an award-winning author who arrived in the U.S. as a young boy. Like thousands of other immigrants, his parents brought him into the country illegally in pursuit of the American Dream. In this audio story, Vargas explains how he found out his family's secret and why he decided to tell the world he is undocumented. The story examines why America is seen as an ideal country for opportunity for thousands of people around the world and why some people send their children alone to the U.S. in pursuit of the American Dream.
	NFL Ruling on Kneeling	In 2016, professional football player Colin Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem before a game in order to protest social inequality and police treatment of minorities. Since then, some football players have continued to kneel during the national anthem, prompting reactions from fans, fellow players, the NFL, team owners, and even President Trump. The NFL recently decided that no players will be allowed to kneel during the national anthem. The football players' union is unhappy with this decision. Listen to learn more about the NFL's ruling.
	New Immigrants and Ellis Island Today	During the late 19th and early 20th century, Ellis Island in New York City was the first stop for millions of immigrants entering the United States. The facility became a symbol of America's history as a society built by immigrants. Today, Ellis Island is a museum that tells just one part of the story of American immigration. Listen to hear the experience of how immigrants arrived at Ellis Island and how the museum remains relevant to people coming to the United States today.
	Students March Against Gun Violence	Sparked by outrage over the Parkland, Florida school shooting, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators marched in Washington, D.C. to demand gun regulation in an event called "March for Our Lives." It was one of the biggest rallies for gun control ever and over a million people marched in cities across America and around the globe. The survivors of the Parkland shooting helped organize the events and spoke at several rallies. Listen to hear the reactions of people who attended the rally to push for changes in gun laws.
Regional identities	Teens in Agriculture	In Texas, vast expanses of farmland have been converted to urban land over the last several decades. As farmland changed to cityscapes, children growing up in these areas have had fewer and fewer opportunities to interact with nature. This audio story follows several students in East Dallas as they experience life on a Texas farm. Listen to find out more about how the urban students responded to working with animals, and how the experience has influenced them.

Ireland	Samuel Beckett's Complex Life	Playwright Samuel Beckett is known for his postmodernist, absurdist and dark comedy writing. His work, including his most famous play 'Waiting for Godot,' is hard to grasp initially but reflected the post World War II era and his own worldview. Beckett had a complex life as a man and a writer. Listen to learn more about Samuel Beckett's life and his plays.
Ecological Challenges	"Mount Recyclemore" Sculpture Made of Electronic Waste	A striking sculpture set in the hills of Cornwall County, England, greeted the leaders who recently attended the G-7 summit, a gathering of heads of the world's wealthiest democracies. Mount Recyclemore depicts the faces of the seven leaders side-by-side - each created from discarded electronics. The artist based his work on Mount Rushmore, the massive rock carving of four U.S. presidents set in South Dakota, and he had a particular message to convey. Listen to hear the artist explain the idea behind his work, and learn how visitors responded to it.
	Creating Urban Habitats for Monarch Butterflies	Monarch butterflies are in danger. In addition to their beauty, monarchs contribute to the ecosystem by pollinating wildflowers and by providing food for birds, small mammals, and insects. However, monarch caterpillars depend on the milkweed plant for food and there are fewer and fewer milkweeds for them to eat. Listen to hear what conservation scientists recommend as a solution to this problem that many people can help to put into action.
	Debate: Should Tourism to Threatened Places Be Restricted?	As travel by train, plane, and ship has become more accessible, people are visiting all parts of the world, bringing many advantages. Tourists can learn about environments and cultures different from their own. Scientists can conduct studies that lead to better understanding and protection of the planet. Increased traffic to certain parts of the world, though, is causing harm. Listen to learn about the impact tourism and research are having on Antarctica and then debate: Should tourism to threatened places be restricted?
	Tiny Plastics Everywhere	When plastic is thrown away, it crumbles into tiny pieces, known as microplastics. These small bits of plastic, less than 5 millimeters (or 0.2 inches) in size, are polluting rivers, lakes, oceans, and even soil. Scientists are studying how microplastics find their way into the ecosystem and what happens when they do. Listen to hear what research ecologists are doing to learn more about how microplastic waste may be affecting us and our world.
Science and utopia	Debate: Should Children Play with Electronic Toys that Collect Data?	Electronic toys for children have existed since the 1950s. However, new toys are causing privacy concerns for parents as well as politicians. A new device called Aristotle was created to help children by learning their behavior and providing soothing responses. But after many parents expressed concern about the amount of information the toy would be collecting, the manufacturer stopped production. Listen to learn more about this invention and then debate: Should children play with electronic toys that collect data?
	Debate: Should We Make Changes to Human DNA?	Scientists say that in the future they will be able to make modifications to human DNA that can be passed down to subsequent generations. These same scientists say that such genetic modifications should only occur in cases of serious disease or disability and must be tightly regulated. However, there is fear around the idea of scientists altering the course of evolution and creating "genetically superior" humans. Listen to learn more about developments in genetic modification and debate: Should we make changes to human DNA?
	Fordlandia: Failed Jungle Utopia	In 1927, the automotive pioneer Henry Ford took his pioneering spirit in a new direction--to the jungles of the Amazon in Brazil. He built a fully functioning factory town in the middle of the Brazilian jungle, and called it Fordlandia. Fordlandia's primary intention was to harvest rubber for Ford tires. But Ford also wanted create a kind of utopia, an experimental "ideal" community. Ford's experimental plantation eventually failed, leaving it a forgotten ruin. Listen to learn more about the challenges Fordlandia faced and the ultimate reasons for its failure.

	Safety and Security 20 Years After 9/11	The September 11, 2001 attacks on New York's World Trade Center shattered America's collective sense of safety. The U.S. government responded to the terror with a series of actions that reduced certain threats to the nation's security, but also led to unintended consequences, including the further spread of anti-American extremism. From the invasion of Afghanistan to the war in Iraq and beyond, the United States has seen both the benefits and costs of its power and global reach. Listen to hear experts in national security assess America's safety 20 years after the 9/11 attacks.
Gender issues	Equality for Women	In 1995, the United Nations held the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China to focus on issues of gender equity. Twenty years later, the UN has released a report about the status of women in the world today. From areas of progress to inequities that remain, listen to learn more about the findings in the report.
	Few Women in Engineering due to Gender Gap	Olin College in Massachusetts has one of the largest student populations of female engineers, which is rare because so few women go into the sciences. There is a documented gender and confidence gap for female engineers, but students think it can be closed by reaching girls at an earlier age. Listen to this radio story to find out how schools are fixing this problem.
	Gender and Diversity in Comics	There is a push in the comics industry to introduce characters that are diverse in race, gender, and sexual orientation. A large motivator for this change is the belief that children from diverse backgrounds deserve to see people in heroic roles that look like them and/or share their gender or sexual orientation. As a result, major comic publishers, such as Marvel, are introducing more characters that are people of color, female, and LGBTQ. Listen to learn more about the growing diversity in comic book characters and the controversies surrounding it.
Human dilemmas	Debate: Should Doctors Separate Conjoined Twins to Save One?	Doctors faced an ethical dilemma recently in a case of conjoined twins. They had separate heads and torsos, but they were connected at the abdomen and the pelvis. They shared a liver and a bladder and other organs, and had just three legs in all. One of the twins had heart and lung disease so serious that she was likely to die soon, and as a result, her sister would die in the process. Listen to hear how doctors discussed what to do in this situation and then debate: Should doctors separate conjoined twins to save one of them?
	Debate: Would You Risk Arrest for Something You Believe In?	China has passed a new law that states people who protest its national anthem can face prison time. In places like Hong Kong, this law has sparked outrage. They believe that by singing the anthem, they are giving in to China's rule and lack of free speech. Legislators in Hong Kong are facing the dilemma of how they will enforce the new law, especially when masses of people refuse to sing the anthem, such as at a sports event. Listen to learn how those who oppose the law plan to get around it and then debate: Would you risk arrest for something you believe in?
	Saving Literary Masterpieces	Franz Kafka worked at an insurance company and wrote in his spare time. He asked that all his personal papers, including literary manuscripts be burned when he died. After Kafka's death, his friend and literary executor Max Brod ignored Kafka's wishes and published many of his manuscripts. <i>The Trial</i> , a novel about law, justice and the arrest and prosecution of a man for an unknown crime, was one of these manuscripts. Other people face similar decisions around respecting the wishes of an artist or writer by destroying their work. Listen to a conversation with an ethicist as he discusses the implications of this debate through a modern day example.

The Empire and beyond	British Loyalists After the Revolutionary War	During the American Revolution, colonists were not in agreement as to whether or not to stay united with the British Empire or to support the movement for independence. Throughout the war, many colonists elected to pledge their support to the British. They were called loyalists. All throughout the colonies, especially in the south, there were flare ups of violence between supporters of independence, often referred to as patriots, and loyalists. When the war came to an end, loyalists were faced with difficult choices. In the United States, they were looked upon as traitors and losers. Fearing violence, many loyalists wound up fleeing the colonies for other parts of the British Empire. This audio story looks at what happened to British loyalists.
	Great Negro Revolt	In 1741, New York City was shaken by an uprising led by African slaves. New York was a British colony and had a very large slave population. After a series of fires burned homes in Manhattan, including the Governor's house, many black slaves were imprisoned, hanged, or burned. There was a great fear that slaves were conspiring against their owners. Listen to hear about the history of the revolt and what the revolt of 1741 can tell us about society today.
	Nigerian Author Chinua Achebe	Nigerian author Chinua Achebe published the novel "Things Fall Apart" in 1958. His story of a Nigerian man whose village and culture are overtaken by British colonial forces in the 1890s sold millions of copies and was translated into 50 languages. The novel was one of the first bestsellers written by an African author as African nations gained independence from European rulers. It was also one of the first works to tell the story of colonialism from an African perspective. Listen to this radio story to hear about the author's lasting influence on writers and literature.
Growing up	13 Reasons Why Not	In response to the popular, yet controversial Netflix show "13 Reasons Why," one school began sharing some personal stories from students struggling with suicidal thoughts. Instead of sharing the reasons why someone might make the choice to end their life, however, they shared messages of hope and positive influences on the lives of its students. Listen to hear those stories and how they impacted the students at the school.
	A Good or Bad Apology	Everyone makes mistakes they need to apologize for in order to repair their relationships. Public figures like politicians and celebrities also have to say sorry publicly for inappropriate behavior, as we have seen more often recently. However, not all apologies are created equal. A few key elements make some much more successful than others. An expert in dispute resolution explains what makes for an effective apology in the digital age. He also discusses how cultural differences and other circumstances affect the way you should ask for forgiveness. Listen to learn how to tell a good apology from a bad apology.
	Why Some Teens Join Fringe Groups	Some adolescents in America can be influenced by ISIS recruiting groups. These groups exploit the teen's sense of duty, religious obligation, or desire to belong to a group. Vulnerable high school students might be convinced that they need to go to Syria to fight with ISIS against the Syrian regime. One experimental rehabilitation program has been established to help young people who have been recruited by ISIS understand how they were targeted. Listen to learn one teen's story and how this new rehab program worked for him.
Urban & rural lifestyles	Changes to the Grange: Fraternal Organization for Farmers	A dominant theme in the study of American History is reform, with individuals and organizations pushing back against big moneyed interests and protecting the rights and power of the people. The Grange, an organization founded after the Civil War, is one of those organizations. The Grange was founded as a fraternal organization made up of farmers interested in protecting local agriculture from the rising costs of independent farming. Over time, the power of the Grange has declined. This audio story explores the history of the Grange and some of the issues the national Grange faces today as new members try to steer it in a new direction.

	Debate: Should Electric Scooter Rentals Be Allowed In Cities?	Electric scooters are becoming increasingly popular in big cities where traffic is congested and public transportation can be unreliable. Some companies are offering electric scooters that can be unlocked via mobile app, ridden, and dropped off anywhere in the city. This may be convenient for some people, but it can be hazardous for others. Listen to this story to learn about the controversy caused by electric scooters and debate: Should electric scooter rentals be allowed in cities?
The world of work	Girls Play War Games	Women make up 14% of the U.S. military. In an effort to interest more girls in the military and national security, the non-profit group Girl Security invited a group of young women to play a “war game.” In this exercise, the girls had to role-play two sides in a difficult and complex military conflict. Listen to learn how they played the game and how the experience affected them.
	Bread and Roses Strike	The two-month Bread and Roses strike of 1912 carried out by textile factory workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts marked the beginning of the labor movement. The workers, made up overwhelmingly of immigrant women and children, walked off the jobs they had risked everything to travel to America to take. This public radio story looks back at the strike and what themes resonate today.
	Debate: Should a Basic Income be Guaranteed?	A city in California is experimenting with a new program in which it will give certain poor citizens \$500 a month. Unlike other types of assistance, this money won't come with any requirements or conditions. It's what's called a “guaranteed basic income,” a system other countries like Finland and Kenya have tried. Listen to hear the city's mayor describe his vision for the program.

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Identity in a diverse world	American Muslims Running for Office	According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the number of hate groups has jumped from 30 to over 100 in the last year, with many new anti-Muslim groups. Now, some Muslim Americans are running for elected office in order to fight back against Islamophobia. Although these candidates face strong resistance, non-profit organizations, such as Jetpac and New American Leaders Project, are supporting their campaigns and training them on how to respond to anti-Muslim rhetoric. Listen to learn more about the rise in anti-Muslim hate groups and how some Muslim-Americans are turning to politics to push back.
	Indian American Teen Podcasts About Her Cultural Identity	Kriti Sarav, a 16-year-old from Chicago, won the high school prize for NPR's Student Podcast Challenge in 2021. Her winning podcast, which she created all by herself, discusses her life growing up Indian American. She recalls some of the many messages she has received that she is different and explains their impact on her over time. Listen to hear Sarav tell her story and find out how she helps herself and others feel proud and strong.
	Reconsidering the "Hispanic" Label	National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans with origins in countries once under Spanish influence. The term "Hispanic" was added to the U.S. census to identify members of a diverse group of people with common interests. However, some people feel the term is problematic because of its connection to Spanish colonialism. Many prefer the term "Latino," while others like to be identified by their national heritage. Listen to hear a journalist explain various preferences for naming ethnic identity and what they mean to people.

	Remembering Maya Angelou: Poet, Author, and Civil Rights Activist	Maya Angelou, celebrated poet, writer of <i>I know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> , and Civil Rights Activist, passed away at the age of 86. She was a celebrity and an iconic figure in the <u>African-American</u> community. Listen to this radio story with your students to learn the extent of her impact.
	Superheroes Highlight Diverse Sexual Identities	A majority of comic superheroes are straight, white males, but that has started to change. DC Comics recently announced that Jonathan Kent, son of Clark Kent and inheritor of his father's mission, would come out as bisexual in "Superman: Son Of Kal-El." While the timing of the announcement could be regarded as a marketing ploy, the move to broaden inclusive representation is significant for many. Listen to hear a pop culture reporter discuss this revelation and what it might mean for superhero comics and movies and their audiences.
Choices in work and society	A Safe Place for Homeless Teens	Homelessness is increasing in the U.S., and those impacted include children, teens, and young adults. A steering committee of high school students in Dallas, many of whom have experienced homelessness themselves, helped design the Fannie C. Harris Youth Center, a shelter for kids who are experiencing homelessness on their own. There are many reasons why young people may leave their families, and this center is equipped to meet their unique needs against the backdrop of inspiring decor and thoughtfully designed programming. Listen to hear more about the center and how it is addressing the needs of students who are experiencing homelessness.
	Debate: Is College for Everyone?	A rising number of young people are opting to attend trade schools over college. College graduates are likely to earn higher salaries, on average, than those who do not graduate from college, and to have jobs with benefits and security. For many, a college education provides a broad base of knowledge that is useful over a lifetime. Demand for workers in construction, car mechanics, and other trades, is rising, however, and people with these skills may earn as much or more than college graduates. For those who like active, hands-on work, trade school may offer a more appealing path. Listen to learn about the boom in skilled trade programs and then debate: Is college for everyone?
	Debate: Should Community College Be Free?	President Biden wants to make community college free. He has proposed providing enough federal funding so state community colleges can stop collecting tuition from students, with states increasing their share of the bill over several years. Advocates applaud the plan for its promise to give low-income Americans and other disadvantaged groups a better chance to succeed. Opponents note that funding sources for community college are already available in many parts of the country, and states may not embrace the idea. Listen to learn more about the controversy over federally funded higher education and then debate: Should community college be free?
	Debate: Should the Workweek Be Only Four Days?	The standard 40-hour workweek was established in the 1930s, and some are suggesting that today's workers should spend fewer hours on the job. They say technology like wifi and laptops help people get more done in less time, and pursuing interests outside of work prevents burnout. Business leaders worry, however, that less time in the office would result in decreased productivity. Listen to learn what researchers found when workers in Iceland put in fewer hours for the same pay and then debate: Should the workweek be only four days?
	How Machines Changed Production	The Industrial Revolution changed forever both the way goods are made and the lives of the workers who make them. In the early years, workers did not like the changes. They challenged the factory owners, sometimes violently destroying the machinery that was transforming their lives. These protesters were called Luddites. Listen to learn about how these protestors tried to keep their world from changing.

	Workers Organize for Better Conditions	Recently a group of more than a thousand produce market workers in New York went on strike for higher wages. Banding together and organizing into labor unions can give workers more power to advocate for their rights. Especially during the pandemic, when providing essential services often means risking their own health, more workers are joining with others to demand the pay and working conditions they feel they deserve. Listen to learn more about why workers are organizing and what gives them more, or less, bargaining power.
The media	Debate: Should Facebook and Twitter Be Required to Protect Us?	Top executives from Facebook and Twitter recently met with Congressional committees about their roles in stopping interference in American elections by international powers such as Russia and Iran. Signs indicate that such interference remains a significant problem heading into the upcoming elections, and major social networks report that they are making efforts to address the issue. Listen to learn about what the networks are doing and debate: Should Facebook and Twitter be required to protect us?
	Debate: Should Police Have Access to School Surveillance Cameras?	In Springfield, Massachusetts, police have been given access to surveillance camera footage taken inside and outside of public school buildings, causing controversy in the community. School officials say the cameras will make schools safer by allowing police to respond quickly to emergencies. Opponents say that police could misinterpret student behavior, however, and unfairly target Black and brown students. Listen to hear school officials and community members express their views and then debate: Should police have access to school surveillance cameras?
	Debate: Should Political Ads Be Allowed on Social Media?	Social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook disagree on what to do with political ads. Twitter recently banned all political advertising, saying it could not fact-check the claims made by politicians and did not want to spread misinformation. But defining what counts as a political ad is tricky. Facebook continues to run political ads without fact-checking them, citing free speech. Critics claim that political ads on social media can be particularly misleading. Listen to hear an expert discuss these issues and then debate: Should political ads be allowed on social media?
	Debate: Should Social Media Platforms Restrict Free Speech?	Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk is buying Twitter, and he has pledged to make some changes. Musk says he will loosen the rules restricting free speech on the social media platform. Supporters of his plan argue that the First Amendment protects all types of speech, even when it's hateful. They believe that unrestricted free speech is key to a healthy democracy. Opponents say that unfettered free speech on social media contributes to misinformation, allows dangerous bullying, and promotes deeper divisions among Americans. Listen to learn more about Musk's future plans and then debate: Should social media platforms restrict free speech?
	Facebook Hires Fact Checkers for Fake News	Fake news spreads quickly across the Internet resulting in fictional stories shared by millions of people. Facebook, one of the largest social media networks, is trying to combat fake news by hiring journalists to uncover false stories shared across its platform. One person hired to fact-check flagged posts spends her days filing reports that debunk stories shared across Facebook. However, the communication between Facebook and the journalists lacks transparency and journalists are asking for more help. Listen to learn about what is needed to combat fake news.
	International Border Disputes	Google Maps is playing an unexpected role in modern-day disputes over borders, or so called "border wars." In 2010, Nicaragua claimed the Costa Rican island of Isla Calero and defended its actions by pointing out that Google Maps showed the island as Nicaraguan. A year later, the Netherlands complained that Google Maps gave land claimed by the Netherlands around the Ems River to Germany. Google says its Maps tool is only for "entertainment purposes", and should not be used to make "territorial, political, or military decisions." This public radio story explores how satellite mapping has changed border disputes.

Tradition and change in the UK	Britain Leaves the European Union	The United Kingdom (UK), which includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, has officially left the European Union (EU), a partnership of 28 countries promoting peace and economic cooperation. Since the vote to exit the EU in 2016, known as "Brexit," British leaders and citizens have struggled to determine what the move will mean for their economy and way of life, including the freedom to work and travel easily throughout Europe. Listen to hear what Prime Minister Boris Johnson says about Brexit now that it has finally happened, and why Brits across the country are reacting with glee, dismay, and calls for action.
	Racism and British Royalty	In a recent television interview, Prince Harry, grandson of Queen Elizabeth of England, and his wife, Meghan Markle, aired their grievances against the British royal family. The couple spoke publicly for the first time since stepping back from their royal duties a year ago. Meghan, who is biracial, objected to what she felt were racist comments from family members as well as the palace's insensitivity to her mental health needs. Listen to hear more about the young couple's disappointment with Buckingham Palace and why they chose to leave the royal life behind.
The Englishes	Fluency in Second Language Recognized in Diploma	Some high schools give special recognition to students who can speak and read in two languages. At graduation, these students receive a bi-literacy seal on their diplomas that recognizes not only test scores but also the value of learning two languages. This distinction shows appreciation for cultural perspectives and celebrates diversity, along with making these students ready to succeed in a global environment. Listen to learn more about this new movement to honor fluency in a second language.
	Nigerian Author Chinua Achebe	Nigerian author Chinua Achebe published the novel "Things Fall Apart" in 1958. His story of a Nigerian man whose village and culture are overtaken by British colonial forces in the 1890s sold millions of copies and was translated into 50 languages. The novel was one of the first bestsellers written by an African author as African nations gained independence from European rulers. It was also one of the first works to tell the story of colonialism from an African perspective. Listen to this radio story to hear about the author's lasting influence on writers and literature.
	Saving the Hawaiian Language	Hawaiian is a Polynesian language that has been spoken for centuries in the volcanic islands of Hawaii. The indigenous Pacific Islanders living in Hawaii were prevented from speaking Hawaiian after the U.S. takeover in the late 1800s. By the 1970s, only about 50 people under the age of 18 still knew how to speak the native Hawaiian language. In recent years, Hawaiian people concerned about losing their language and its cultural value have led a movement to revive the language among younger generations. Listen to this story to hear about a Hawaiian language immersion school where parents are learning along with their children in the hope of reconnecting with and preserving an important part of their culture.
	Slang Through The Ages	From accents to slang to dialect, people who speak English do not always sound the same. The way people speak reflects a lot of different factors in their lives including region, race, class and education. Some slang is reflective of an era. The word "groovy" will forever be linked to hippies, while other pronunciations reflect a longer history of language, colonization and power. Listen to learn how the pronunciation of the word "ask" has changed over time, and how the black community uses code-switching to adapt to their surroundings.
	The Unsuccessful Quest For A Universal Language	In the 17th century, people were determined to overcome communications barriers between the people of the world by creating a universal language. Sir Isaac Newton is known for discovering gravity, but he was also the creator of the "Newtonian" language. The language Newton created was never successful. The language of Esperanto was created in the 1960 but also never caught on. Listen to learn more about invented languages and why they never became universal.


The US – then and now	Black Lawmaker Experiences Racism	A black state representative from Oregon was going door-to-door to speak with the voters she represents in her district when one of the neighborhood residents called the police. The resident thought the state representative was suspicious for knocking on doors, likely because of her race. Listen to find out how the state representative responded to the police and hear what she thinks can be done to make situations like these better in the future.
	Debate: Is Pluralism Still an American Ideal?	The motto of the United States of America, “E Pluribus Unum,” meaning “Out of Many, One,” represents an ideal as old as the nation. A recent study investigated how people currently feel about living in a pluralistic society, side-by-side with those who are different from them. The study found that large numbers of Americans reported having little contact with people of different religions, races, or political beliefs. Listen to a reporter involved in the study discuss the poll results and then debate: Is pluralism still an American ideal?
	First Openly Transgender Federal Official Appointed	Dr. Rachel Levine has become the first openly transgender U.S. federal official. She was confirmed as assistant secretary of health around the same time that many states were passing restrictive laws targeting transgender youth. She hopes her position will help educate Americans, and dispel any fears they may have, about LGBTQ people. Listen to an interview with Dr. Levine to learn about the challenges trans people face and how her appointment could help change attitudes.
	History of Our Two-Party System	The two-party system has been part of American politics for a long time, but the Democratic and Republican parties weren't always the two main parties. The Federalist party was the party of John Adams. And other third parties have been popular over the course of American history. This audio story explores the history of Democrats and Republicans and why they are the main political parties in America. Listen to learn how it has changed since the founding of the country.
	The Extraordinary Life of Ida B. Wells	Ida B. Wells played an important role in the history of civil rights. She came of age during a time when the injustices of the Jim Crow system were becoming entrenched in American life. Despite this, she was a tireless crusader for the political and social rights of African Americans and women, lending her voice and her pen to a range of issues that included the anti-lynching campaign and women's suffrage. Listen to learn about the life of Ida B. Wells and her journey from the daughter of enslaved people to civil rights activism.
International relations	Free Speech Limited in Hong Kong	After many years of British rule, Hong Kong, a peninsula and islands jutting out from China's southern coast, was returned to China in 1997. The Chinese government agreed that for the next 50 years, the residents of Hong Kong could continue to embrace capitalism and enjoy democratic freedoms, a sharp contrast to repressive conditions in mainland China. Recently, though, the Chinese government reversed its promises and began to restrict the legal rights of Hong Kong citizens, prompting protests and, in response, a government crackdown. Listen to a reporter describe how Chinese authorities have repressed basic freedoms in Hong Kong and transformed the daily lives of its residents.
	Ping-Pong Diplomacy 50 Years Later	The U.S. and China have a long history of mistrust and competition. In 1971, though, an unusual situation helped thaw this chilly relationship. At the invitation of China's communist leader, Mao Zedong, the U.S. Olympic table tennis team visited China for a 10-day tour and tournament. The widely publicized visit sparked a process that eventually allowed President Richard Nixon to accomplish one of his top priorities – opening dialogue with China. Listen to learn how Ping-Pong Diplomacy influenced the relationship between the U.S. and China and where that relationship stands 50 years later.
India	India Removes Special Status for Kashmir	India and Pakistan have been arguing for decades over control of the Muslim-majority Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir. Since 1947, the state has officially been a part of India with special status. However, recently, the Prime Minister of India took this special status away by presidential decree. Many Muslim Kashmiris are very upset about this decision and how it was made, but others consider it a positive development. Listen to learn more about the conflict surrounding this change.

	Caste System in Modern Day India	The Caste systems plays a major role in Indian society. It a system that divides people into categories, giving privileges to higher castes and denying them for lower castes. The family you are born into can determine your job, where you live, and whom you marry. Even after discrimination based on the caste system was banned in the 1950s, it has certainly not been forgotten. One woman born into the untouchable caste, the lowest caste in Indian society, moved to America and became a subway conductor in New York. Listen to her story of discrimination and how the caste system still follows her.
	Holi, a Festival of Colors	Holi, a traditional festival of Spring in India, is celebrated with water balloons, water fights, and of course, tons of different, bright colors. Now, the festivals are large attractions at universities across America.
	India-Pakistan Relations	The rivalry between India and Pakistan dates back to the partition of the former British colony in 1947. Lines were drawn along religious lines. Pakistan was a region for Muslims and India a region for Hindus. More than 60 years later the relationship remains tense. Listen to hear a story about partition from the perspective of India and learn about recent events in India that have intensified the rivalry. This piece, told from the viewpoint of India, is a companion piece to the audio story at the heart of the lesson Trouble between India and Pakistan Dates Back to Partition which focuses on partition and the Pakistani perspective.
	Teenager Cycles Across India to Take Her Father Home	A teen in India has become a celebrity after bicycling across the country carrying her dad. Fifteen-year-old Djoti made the trip when she and her father found themselves close to starvation and desperate to return to their home village. Djoti rode roughly 100 miles a day on a bicycle with no gears. Listen to hear the young athlete describe how she felt during the long journey, and learn how sports officials responded to her incredible feat.
Nigeria	Islamist Militants in Nigeria	Islamic extremists in the Middle East and France have dominated the news. But they've also attacked innocent civilians in Nigeria. A group known as Boko Haram kidnapped young school girls in April of last year. Most recently they appear to be behind brutal attacks and killings in the lawless north of Nigeria. The Nigerian government seems powerless to stop their attacks. What is Boko Haram and are they connected with other Islamic militant groups? Share this story with students to help them understand this growing threat.
Canada and New Zealand	Fires Burning in the Cold Arctic	The Arctic may seem like an unlikely place for fires, but every year wildfires burn millions of acres of forest in Alaska, northern Canada, and Siberia. This century, the blazes have grown bigger, hotter, and more frequent, causing health problems for local residents and releasing harmful greenhouse gases into the environment. Listen to hear a climate scientist describe the effects of wildfires in the Arctic and how the global community can respond.
Global challenges	Debate: Is Development or Clean Air More Important?	New Delhi, India has some of the the most polluted air in the world. Levels of pollution reached hazardous levels many days of the year. For the people of New Delhi, this has meant an increase in health problems such as asthma and other sicknesses. As India's growth continues, it consumes more energy, which creates pollution. What is the right balance between economic growth and the health threats of pollution produced by all this growth? Listen to this story and then debate: Is development or clean air more important?
	Rising Oceans Put Island Nations in Peril	As the ocean rises, some island nations might disappear and the coastlines change. This is critical for some island nations that are at risk of slipping under water as sea levels rise. Political, economic, and personal consequences are factors in how the climate problems in these nations are dealt with. Listen to learn what can be done to prevent these catastrophic changes in our geography.

	The Cheapest Place to Make a T-Shirt	Making a T-shirt takes a lot of time, but it can be made cheaply. The origins of your T-shirts probably come from Mississippi, where cotton is grown, and the shirts were probably spun in Indonesia. In this story, reporters track the assembly of a T-shirt to Bangladesh and try to understand why that Asian country is currently “the cheapest place in the world to make a T-shirt.” Bangladesh has established a specialization in garment production, and Bangladeshi garment factories further specialize in the production of cotton garments. Listen to the story to learn how these factories manage to undercut the prices of their competitors in other major garment producing countries and what the future may hold in store for them.
	The Last Baseball Glove Factory in America	In a small town in Texas, near cattle pastures and crop fields, is the Nokona baseball glove factory. The family-owned business is now the only baseball glove manufacturer left in the U.S. While Nokona gloves are not as well known as some other major brands, Nokona does have a respected and established position in the youth baseball market. Listen to hear more about the last baseball glove factory in the United States of America.
	War Worsens Global Food Crisis	The war in Ukraine is threatening to cause a crisis in global hunger. Ukraine is one of the world’s biggest producers of grain, which it exports to Africa, the Middle East, and other places around the world. The war in Ukraine has hampered the country’s ability to grow and harvest this important product, putting millions of people at risk. Listen to hear how Russia’s attack on Ukraine has disrupted food supply chains and caused widespread problems of hunger and displacement.
Ecological challenges	“Mount Recyclemore” Sculpture Made of Electronic Waste	A striking sculpture set in the hills of Cornwall County, England, greeted the leaders who recently attended the G-7 summit, a gathering of heads of the world’s wealthiest democracies. Mount Recyclemore depicts the faces of the seven leaders side-by-side - each created from discarded electronics. The artist based his work on Mount Rushmore, the massive rock carving of four U.S. presidents set in South Dakota, and he had a particular message to convey. Listen to hear the artist explain the idea behind his work, and learn how visitors responded to it.
	Climate Change Solutions Require Swift Action	The most recent United Nations report on climate change highlights solutions to the crisis of the warming planet but says countries must act quickly. The report urges a fast shift to clean sources of energy and away from carbon-producing fossil fuels, and explains some of the tools available to accomplish that shift. Listen to hear a climate scientist respond to the report and explain why she believes it offers hope.
	Debate: Should Tourism to Threatened Places Be Restricted?	As travel by train, plane, and ship has become more accessible, people are visiting all parts of the world, bringing many advantages. Tourists can learn about environments and cultures different from their own. Scientists can conduct studies that lead to better understanding and protection of the planet. Increased traffic to certain parts of the world, though, is causing harm. Listen to learn about the impact tourism and research are having on Antarctica and then debate: Should tourism to threatened places be restricted?
	Fighting Massive Wildfires	The largest fire in California history is currently burning, breaking a record that another devastating fire set a mere eight months ago. Scientists, politicians, and firefighters are currently searching for a better way to handle these increasingly intense natural disasters. Listen to learn about some of their surprising solutions for wildfires.
	Students Protest Climate Change	Students around the world have been skipping school to protest their governments’ lack of action on climate change. Now, this movement has come to the United States. American students are gathering together to demand that Congress take action to protect them from the effects of climate change. Listen to find out more about what students are asking of their government leaders and why.

Science and visions of the future	Computer-Assisted Telepathy	Being able to communicate with someone using only mind power is the stuff of science fiction, but it might not be so far off in the future. At the University of Washington, scientists have developed a system that supports a very basic form of computer-assisted telepathy, or thought-based communication. While this technology has many potential positive uses, there are some serious possible risks to consider. Listen to hear how the technology works and what it might mean for the future.
	Debate: Should We Make Changes to Human DNA?	Scientists say that in the future they will be able to make modifications to human DNA that can be passed down to subsequent generations. These same scientists say that such genetic modifications should only occur in cases of serious disease or disability and must be tightly regulated. However, there is fear around the idea of scientists altering the course of evolution and creating “genetically superior” humans. Listen to learn more about developments in genetic modification and debate: Should we make changes to human DNA?
	Flying Cars	If Uber and other transportation technology companies have their way, people who use ride-hailing apps will soon be able to order flying taxis. These futuristic vehicles would quickly transport passengers from location to location, traveling high above traffic on the ground. Listen to find out how and when the dream of flying cars may become a reality, and what issues need to be considered before then.
	Genetic Engineering is Controversial but May Stop Zika	Scientists have come up with a new technique to modify the genes of plants, insects and animals. This “gene drive” technique may be able to stop the spread of diseases that insects carry, such as Malaria and Zika, but also has some dangers. For example, releasing genetically modified species could lead to an unbalanced ecosystem, destroy other species, or spread other diseases. Listen to the story to hear more about why this technique is controversial.
Shakespeare	Letters to Juliet	William Shakespeare’s tragic romance of star crossed lovers, based on an Italian tale, graced stages in the 1590’s and continues to capture audiences and imagination today. Modern adaptations demonstrate the timelessness of this romantic tragedy. Juliet appeals so directly to people that they actually write to her! Listen to learn more about the Juliet Club and the 6,000 letters they receive a year.
	Pop-up Shakespeare	Shakespeare was an English playwright and actor. Today his work is seen as culturally significant and serious. His plays are studied and reinterpreted in performances and movies, presenting a wide range of emotions and conflicts. A new interpretation of Shakespeare’s work is a lighter pop-up book. Two actors who perform Shakespeare’s works have partnered with an artist to create the book. They wanted to approach his work playfully and be inviting to all audiences. Listen to hear more about this new version of Shakespeare’s plays.
	Shakespeare in Every Country	Shakespeare’s classic play <i>Hamlet</i> has been performed many hundreds of times since its original performance in 1609. In honor of Shakespeare’s 450th birthday, the touring company from the Globe Theater in England planned an ambitious tour, performing one of the bard’s greatest tragedies in every nation on Earth over two years. They chose the play <i>Hamlet</i> and performed it in 197 countries. Listen to learn how they planned to accomplish this monumental task, and what the world can learn from <i>Hamlet</i> .
	Who Wrote Shakespeare’s Plays?	William Shakespeare is commonly considered one of western civilization’s greatest playwrights. But a persistent debate continues to rage around his legacy. Did the man we know as William Shakespeare actually write all those poems and plays? This story features two Shakespearean actors who have come to doubt the author. Listen to learn more about the debate surrounding the authorship of Shakespeare’s works.

	Women in Shakespeare	William Shakespeare is one of the most well-known playwrights in history. His stories of love, tragedy, comedy and history written in the late 1500s have transcended the centuries thanks to their timeless themes and complex characters. Author Tina Packer has tracked the development of Shakespeare's female characters through his writing career and suggests that from "Romeo and Juliet" on, Shakespeare wrote unusually complex women for his time and should be considered a proto-feminist. Listen to learn more about the development of these female characters over his career.
Update 1 Ireland and Brexit	Revitalizing Neglected Urban Spaces	Landscape architect Walter Hood is famous for transforming worn out urban spaces into beautiful and useful places. The winner of a MacArthur Fellowship, also known as a "genius grant," Hood researches the history of a neighborhood, talks to residents, and then incorporates their ideas into his designs. Listen to learn how Hood's childhood memories influence his work and how he integrated a slave ship drawing into a museum design project.
	"Ulysses": One Line at a Time	The annual celebration to commemorate the works of Irish author James Joyce is called Bloomsday and is celebrated on June 16th. While many readers think Joyce's writing is difficult to understand, Frank Delaney has started a weekly podcast about Joyce and <i>Ulysses</i> to help himself and other readers decipher <i>Ulysses</i> more easily. Delaney's podcast includes a rap about the events in <i>Ulysses</i> , and he hopes it will continue to be produced for several years to come. Listen to hear more about James Joyce and <i>Ulysses</i> as well as more about Frank Delaney's lengthy podcast project.
	Samuel Beckett's Complex Life	Playwright Samuel Beckett is known for his postmodernist, absurdist and dark comedy writing. His work, including his most famous play 'Waiting for Godot,' is hard to grasp initially but reflected the post World War II era and his own worldview. Beckett had a complex life as a man and a writer. Listen to learn more about Samuel Beckett's life and his plays.
Update 2 Exploring urban and rural life	Rural Doctor Tries to Bridge Cultural Divide	Dr. Ayaz Virji moved to Dawson, Minnesota to help fill a need for doctors in rural America. At first, all was well, but during the 2016 election, the climate began to shift. As a Muslim, he no longer felt as welcome in Dawson, and he regularly faced discrimination. Virji decided to take action to help his community and others like it better understand and tolerate his faith and has since written a book about his experiences. Listen to hear Dr. Virji's story and learn about his plans for the future.
	Choosing Not to Drive	According to a new study, fewer and fewer Americans are getting their driver's licenses and owning cars. This has been a young adult trend for a long time, but now older adults are driving less, too. People across age groups cite a variety of reasons for choosing other modes of transportation, especially in cities that offer public transportation and have ridesharing services. Listen to the story to hear more about why people are choosing not to drive and opting to get around in other ways instead.
	Debate: Can the U.S. Postal Service Be Saved?	The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is in trouble. Consumers are spending less money on mail, forcing the USPS to raise its prices to stay in business. At the same time, it is cutting costs by slowing mail delivery, upsetting customers and potentially making them even less likely to use mail service. Farmers and others who live in rural areas depend on the USPS for needed supplies, though. Many people believe post offices can reinvent themselves to better serve Americans today. Listen to hear more about changes within the USPS and then debate: Can the U.S. Postal Service be saved?
	Debate: What Role Should Government Play in Increasing Access to Affordable Housing?	Affordable housing is become increasingly scarce in many cities around the country. Many low-income tenants often find themselves unable to pay their rent and at risk of eviction. Most tenants who fail to pay rent and are taken to court have no lawyer, while most landlords do. Some people believe this could be improved by providing free legal help to tenants. Listen to hear stories of people facing eviction and the struggle for affordable housing. Then debate whether the government should have a role in increasing affordable housing.

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Trees Can Help Beat City Heat

Low-income urban neighborhoods are often hotter than wealthier neighborhoods in the same city. This is problematic, especially during heat waves, when residents' health and even their lives could be at risk. One of the reasons poorer areas get hotter is because they tend to have fewer trees. Listen to learn how trees keep communities cool and why they are more prevalent in some neighborhoods than others.