

# HOW TO USE NewsCurrents Sr. WITH YOUR RESIDENTS

*NewsCurrents Sr.* is easy to use. You just pop the disc in your DVD player (or project the images from your computer) and control the pace of the visuals as you discuss each news story printed in the discussion guide.

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## Preview the Issue

The front cover of the discussion guide shows you the main stories in each issue.

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## Select the Stories

You may wish to show the entire program, or just certain stories that are most appropriate for your group.

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## Use NewsCurrents at the Same Time Each Week

Make the discussion a weekly social event with refreshments, visitors, etc.

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## Choose a Discussion Level

Most of the year (with the exception of the summer months) the discussion guide offers more than one conceptual level. Choose the one most appropriate for your group or utilize information and questions from more than one level depending on your group's level of interest.

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## Begin with the "Who am I?" Frame

This frame serves as a fun ice-breaker and will arouse interest and focus attention.

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## Paraphrase the Discussion Guide

If possible, it is best to personalize the discussion guide and gear the information and questions to the particular individuals in your group. The format of NewsCurrents allows for maximum flexibility. The guide does not have to be read verbatim.

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## Allow for Discussion

First and foremost, NewsCurrents is intended to be a discussion program. The still images allow you to pause for discussion at any time. The questions in the guide are meant to be discussion starters. Of course, you are encouraged to add your own questions because you understand your group better than anyone.

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## Encourage Reminiscing

Many NewsCurrents stories have a historical context. Be sure to use this background to prompt residents to recall their own memories of the past.

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## Reproduce the Activity Pages

At the end of the printed discussion guide, you will find reproducible activities. Depending on your group and their interests, these may provide additional intellectual stimulation as individual or group activities.



The current issues discussion program for senior adults.

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