



ISD Virtual Learning

American History

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Sociology

Lesson: April 15, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Evaluate the significance of the polio vaccine and the work that researchers such as Dr. Jonas Salk had on safeguarding Americans in the 1950's

Bell Ringer:

On a seperate piece of paper, answer the following question:
How can vaccinations and immunizations change society and shape the world we live in?

Lesson Activity:

Dr. Jonas Salk was an American physician who began testing a vaccine on children in 1954 that he began perfecting in 1947. This vaccine would eradicate the most feared scourge of the time, a virus known as paralytic poliomyelitis; more commonly known as polio. For more information about polio, please watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S58FSPk53jc>

Practice:

On the paper you wrote your bell work on, please answer the following questions in paragraph form:

1. Why is Dr. Jonas Salk seen as a hero?
2. What are some things that the polio endemics of the early 1900's have in common with today's Corona virus endemic?
3. Would you consider the creator of a Corona vaccination a hero? Why or why not?

(Answers are opinion based and will vary by student.)

Additional Resources:

For more insight into Dr. Jonas Salk, the fight against polio, and the Jonas Salk Institute in California, please watch the following clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUYF3lluPpg>