**ANG-5106-2 Current Events**

**Project six**

**Dialects**

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| Drapeau Usa, Drapeau, Usa, AméricaineAngleterre, Drapeau, Union Jack | The English language is not spoken or even written in exactly the same way in England as it is in the United States. For instance, the word ‘lorry’ in England is ‘truck’ in the U.S. In fact, the Anglophone communities in each primarily English-speaking country use the language in slightly different ways. This is even true for Canada and the United States. In order to understand the news from various international sources, it can be very helpful to explore these linguistic differences. |

**TASK 1:** Click on these links to videos or articles about some differences between two different types of English, complete the rubric and then discuss what you learned with your teacher.

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| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3liA1GLKbW4>  QRCode | <https://www.phrasemix.com/answers/how-are-canadian-english-and-american-english-different>  QRCode |
| <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/six-difference-between-britsh-and-american-english/3063743.html>  QRCode | |

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| **Languages** |  |  |
| **General differences** |  |  |
| **Accents/pronunciation** |  |  |
| **Vocabulary and expressions** |  |  |
| **Grammar** |  |  |
| **Other differences** |  |  |

**TASK 2:** Comparing regional characteristics. Watch two t.v. (or radio) news report podcasts from two different English-speaking countries (ex. Canada and the U.S.; the U.S. and England) on the same or a similar subject. Describe the differences in terms of accent, vocabulary\*, style (formal versus informal), etc… Complete the graphic organizer to prepare notes. Discuss your findings with another student, if possible (you may each choose a different type of English) and then with your teacher.

\*Note any expressions or metaphors that seem unique to the version of English spoken in that country.

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| **CBC** | **NPR** |
| QRCode<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/> | QRCode<https://www.npr.org/> |
| **BBC** | **IRISH PUBIC RADIO** |
| QRCode<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio> | QRCode<http://www.rte.ie/radio/> |
| **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION** | |
| QRCode<http://radio.abc.net.au/> | |

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| **English Region (U.S., Canada…)** |  |  |
| **News source** |  |  |
| **News event** |  |  |
| **Regional accent characteristics** |  |  |
| **Regional vocabulary** |  |  |
| **Regional idioms (expressions)** |  |  |
| **Other regional differences**  **(*style: formal vs. informal, etc…*)** |  |  |