Advanced Placement Government & Politics

Weekly Assignment = Current Events Write-Ups

Key Social Studies Skills = Staying informed on societal issues, synthesizing information, forming an opinion and supporting it.

Introduction: In order to be an informed citizen, it is important for you to be aware of major news stories which may have a direct affect on you or those around you. We live in a fast-paced world, especially, when it comes to politics. To help you better understand the world that you live in, you will be expected to complete three article reviews each week. These article write-ups are due every Friday at the beginning of class.

Article Selections: The articles that you write about need to be relevant to what we are studying in class. PLEASE, DO NOT READ AND WRITE ABOUT ARTICLES THAT ARE NOT RELEVANT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LATEST WITH BRITNEY SPEARS, THE MOST RECENT MASS MURDER, THE FACT THAT IT’S GOING TO BE RAINY THIS WEEK, ETC. You will be asked to re-do them!

Format for your article write-ups:

(1) At the top of the page, you should have your name, the date, and the class period.

(2) You should have a proper citation for your article. For example:


(3) You should have a one to two paragraph summary the article. What were the main points of the article? Was there any bias in the article? Were there things in the article that you didn’t understand? (This section should be a minimum of seven sentences long.)

(4) You should have a one to two paragraph response/reflection about the article. Did you agree with the author? Did it make you think about an issue that you hadn’t thought of before? Did it get your blood boiling? If so, why? Were you confused? If so, tell me why? (This section should be a minimum of seven sentences long.)

(5) Finally, you need to attach a copy of the article that you reviewed. If it is from an internet news source, please be sure to print off the article and attach it.

Possible news sources:

www.theolympian.com
www.thenewstribune.com
www.seattletimes.com
www.nytimes.com
www.washingtonpost.com

www.bbc.co.uk/news/
www.cnn.com
www.msnbc.com
www.foxnews.com
www.tnr.com
www.nationalreview.com

Scoring criteria:

Proper citation = 1 point

Summary of the Article = 4 points

Response/Reflection = 4 points

Article attached = 1 point

You must complete three article reviews per week. This means that you can earn up to 30 points per week. This is a weekly assessment!

See reverse side for an example.