

## Current Events Commentary

Throughout this course, I would like you to learn about the economic, social, and political issues in the World today, and be more aware of how the media shapes the public's thoughts, opinions, and ideas.

You must **READ** a current political, social, or economic article about other countries besides the United States from a newspaper or magazine.

Students must submit a one page report that covers the brief background information (facts) on the current event and explain why this current event is important.

**\*\*\*Weather, sports, and obituary articles cannot be used.**

### Source Guidelines

1. Television news can **NOT** be used.

2. Newspaper or Magazine only

**\*\*\*You must choose one of the following sources below for your current events.**

#### Newspaper Web Addresses

-New York Times	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/">http://www.nytimes.com/</a>
-Sacramento Bee	<a href="http://www.sacbee.com/">http://www.sacbee.com/</a>
-Los Angeles Times	<a href="http://www.latimes.com/">http://www.latimes.com/</a>
-San Francisco Chronicle	<a href="http://www.sfgate.com/">http://www.sfgate.com/</a>
-Washington Post	<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com">http://www.washingtonpost.com</a>
-U.S.A. Today	<a href="http://www.usatoday.com/">http://www.usatoday.com/</a>
-Christian Science Monitor	<a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/">http://www.csmonitor.com/</a>

#### Magazines Web Addresses

-Time	<a href="http://www.time.com/time/">http://www.time.com/time/</a>
-Newsweek	<a href="http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032542/site/newsweek/">http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032542/site/newsweek/</a>

### Report Guidelines

1. **Source** (e.g. *New York Times*, *Time*, etc.)
2. **Title of Article** (e.g. "Ruling Settles Ballot Dispute".)
3. **Date of Article** (Must not be more than 1 week old from the due date)
4. **Author** (e.g. AP Press, George Dewey, etc.)
5. **Brief Background Info** (facts)...(Preferably in bulleted format; length - approximately ½ pg.)
6. **Importance** (What did you think about this article? Why is this important? – The answers are not found in your article, but in your brain.) (length...approximately ½ page.)

7. **Attach Article** to the front of your report.