**Current Event Article/Presentation**  
**World History**

As we move into 2nd semester, it is important to be thinking about how Modern World History has begun to shape through real events happening now. You will be required to complete one current event between now and the end of the year.

Here are the guidelines for your current event article/presentation:

1. Don’t wait until the last minute.

2. If you don’t understand what the first article you selected is about- choose a different one.

3. Chose articles about topics that interest you.

Certain topics are NOT allowed: Sports, Entertainment, Crime, Editorials (Opinions)…

What does that leave? PLENTY!!

1. Geography: Environment, Immigration, Global Warming, etc. as it relates to humans.
2. Culture: Customs, traditions, religion and politics, etc.
3. Government: Elections, laws, court decisions, etc.
4. Technology: New inventions, Innovative ways to better our lives, etc.
5. Cooperation & Conflict: Foreign policy, trade agreements and disputes, wars, etc.
6. Resources: Natural or human resource issues between governments or groups.
7. History/Archeology: New discoveries or theories about the past (fossil finds, etc.)
8. Empires: What country dominates the world now…and who is rising?

In a nutshell~ articles about individual people or events that affect a small number of people are generally not acceptable. Although a car accident on Rt. 95, a Red Sox win, or Paris Hilton getting caught doing something she shouldn’t is considered newsworthy; they are not the types of current events I want you to focus on.

If you have a doubt about whether an article is acceptable or not SHOW IT TO ME AHEAD OF TIME. If you complete a current events assignment on a topic that is NOT acceptable It will NOT be accepted!!

This is where #1 on the “Must-Do” is important~ if you wait until the last minute and do not check with me first you may not get credit for the assignment.
Current Event Assignment

Part I (Summary): After retrieving a Current Event that fits the criteria listed above, write a summary of the article that includes the basic who, what, where, when...etc. This should be done in paragraph form.

Part II (Analysis): Underneath your article summary, you will have the opportunity to analyze/react to the current event. In doing so, you should match the current event with one of the “5 Themes for Modern World History.” The 5 Themes are attached in this packet. Identify which theme the current event matches up with and use the guiding questions to help you analyze the current event. Be sure to identify how it fits into World History. Part II should be completed in paragraph form as well.

Total: Your completed assignment should include a hard copy of the current event (5 use of resources), a typed summary (10 content knowledge), a typed analysis of the current event (20 written skills) it should total one-two pages (12 point Times font, double spaced with 1 inch margins), and lastly, your presentation of the current event to the class (10 presentation skills). Your current event assignment will total 50 points. You will be assigned a particular date in which you will present your current event to the class.
**Current Events**

**Source Guidelines:**

Current is defined as occurring in or belonging to the present time. Therefore, you must follow the time guidelines below when selecting an article to use for your current events assignment.

Your article must come from a reputable news source. All of the sources listed below are acceptable. However, if you find an article from a source not listed below you must ask me first if it is acceptable to use for the assignment.

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Other acceptable sources include all other major newspapers/news magazines and their online versions—Examples include but are not limited to:

- Los Angeles Times
- New York Post
- Forbes Magazine
- Chicago Tribune
- San Francisco Chronicle
- Associated Press
- New York Times
- Washington Post

You may use Google News as a search for articles, but Google News is **not** the source. Google News is simply a news search engine that gathers links to other newspapers or magazines. Whichever site it directs you to is the source.
5 Themes of Modern World History
Belief Systems and Social Structures (BS/SS)

- How do political, religious, or intellectual ideologies shape the decisions of a nation and its leaders?
- What effect does religion have on the role of the individual within society?
- What role do the major world religions have on various economic and political institutions?
- How does the role of the major world religions and intellectual philosophies affect the development of political and economic institutions?

Conflict and Continuity (CC)

- What causes conflict between different states, regions, civilizations, ethnic groups, cultures, and religions?
- What were the effects or outcomes of war and conflict?
- What effect did the resolutions or treaties have on the people, country, region, etc?
- How does uniformity and commonality support continuity over time? (Peaceful coexistence is supported by uniformity and commonality).

Cultural and Intellectual Development (CID)

- How did cultural, scientific, and technical breakthroughs impact the way people live and think?
- How did the spread of cultural diffusion affect different nations, regions, and people of the world?
- What effect did the movement of people throughout history, including patterns of migration, exploration, and colonization as well as imperialism have on different cultures and societies?

Economic and Political Institutions (EPI)

- How do political institutions impact the lives of the people?
- How do economic principles and policies shape world events?
- How do historical events influence the development of political institutions?

Human and Environment Interaction (HEI)

- How are people, nation-states, or regions affected by their environment?
- What impact do natural resources have on the development of a nation or civilization?
- What role does the environment play in national security?
- What role do natural resources play in international relations between nation-states?
- How and why do political boundaries change over time.