**Current Events Project- 7**

           In this class you are required to complete a current events project **approximately** once every five weeks, for each of the units we cover in class (up to 6 throughout the year). This activity is designed to encourage you to read newspapers, watch network and local news reports, and read national news periodicals like Newsweek, Time, and US News and World Reports, or check News Services like “http://www.abcnews.com” on the Internet. This increases critical thinking skills and helps prepare you to become a better citizen by being more aware about what is happening in the world. Students are always encouraged to express their own opinions with support a supporting argument.

*DIRECTIONS*:

1. Choose an article that is about a topic within the region we are studying.
   1. *Do not* use opinion/ editorial pieces as your articles.
   2. Your articles must pertain to the topics that we are studying in the current “unit”.
   3. Your selections must be on an event that has an impact on a large population, not just on a few people.
   4. *Do not* choose articles that deal with entertainment, sports, fashion or gossip.
   5. If you are unsure if your topic will be accepted, ask before going further in the project.
2. Find a news video (from a valid news site) that pertains to the topic.
3. Complete the “Current Events Summary Form”.
4. Hand in your finished product.  **Make sure to submit a copy of the article you used as well as the Current Events Summary Form and your project**.This could be in the form of printing the first page of the article or sending me the link of the article.

DUE DATES

Unit 1- Medieval Europe\*- Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 2- West Africa\*- Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 3- China/Japan\*- Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 4- Central/South America\*- Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 5- Renaissance\*- Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit 6- Start of the Modern Age\*- Due:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*Refer to Geography Challenges for the geographic area\**

\*You will be graded on content, neatness and grammar.  If you choose to complete this form on a separate piece of paper, you may but please follow the format.

\*\*The numbers in parenthesis are the points for each question.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Events Summary Form**

(7)Current Event: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Headline of Article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author of Article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Newscast: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Network/ site: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Analyze the current event article, using complete sentences:**

(1)Who is the article about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(1)Where does the article take place?

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(2)What is the article about? *Describe the current event.*

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(3)Why is this article important/ How or what can we learn from the article?

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(2)How does the article relate to something we are learning or have learned about?

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(5)Give one key quote from the article or news segment and explain its significance.

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(5)**Compare/ Contrast the event as presented in its two different forms.**How were the presentations different?  How were they similar?  Did one give more information than the other?

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(8)**Personal Response** (Why is this important?  What did you learn from reading this article?  How do you feel about this issue?  Should others care and get involved?  How?)

**This is your CONCLUSION!  Minimum of 4-5 sentences.  This should include your reactions and opinions to the event that is occurring.**

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