**Current Events Project- 8**

           In this class you are required to complete a current events project every three weeks (12 total). 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. On the due date, present the article and the newscast

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.

DUE DATES

CE 1 due **Fri 9/23**

CE 2 due **Fri 10/14**

CE 3 due **Fri 11/04**

CE 4 due **Fri 12/02**

CE 5 due **Fri 1/07**

CE 6 due **Fri 1/20**

CE 7 due **Fri 2/10**

CE 8 due **Fri 3/10**

CE 9 due **Fri 3/31**

CE 10 due **Fri 4/28**

CE 11 due **Fri 5/19**

CE 12 due **Fri 6/02**

\*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**

(5) Current Event: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Write a 4 paragraph report on the current event you chose.**

***Your report should include:***

***-(10)Paragraph 1:*** *Describe the event (who/what/when/where/why). Include and explain a quote*

***-(10)Paragraph 2:*** *Connect the event to what we have learned this unit. If it does not connect to any material, describe how the event does not relate.*

***-(10)Paragraph 3:*** *Compare/ Contrast the news in its two forms*

***-(10)Paragraph 4:*** *Conclusion- 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?*

*-****Mechanics (5)***

***-Presentation (5)***

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