

## CURRENT EVENT ASSIGNMENT

### PreAP Global Studies

#### How to prepare a current event

1. Find an article to read and present. The issues involved should be current (within the last week or so). Use newspapers, news magazines, or the Internet to find your article.
2. Read the article.
3. Identify any words or terminology with which you are unfamiliar. Familiarize yourself with these terms.

#### Writing about your current event

*Directions:* Read each of the steps and questions below. Write **all** responses in complete sentences (2 points). Please use proper conventions when writing your responses (2 points). **The final draft of your written response to your current event should be in MLA format (double spaced, correct heading, Works Cited list attached, etc.** [2 points]). In order to present and submit your assignment, **it must be typed.**

1. Begin with an IVF Summary Topic Sentence for your article (1 point).
2. Continue to summarize the article by answering these questions. Include parenthetical citations for direct quotations and paraphrased material. (3 points)
  - **Who** is the article about?
  - **Where** did the events in the article take place?
  - **When** did the events in the article take place?
  - **Why** did the events in the article take place (reason)?
  - **How** did the events in the article take place (process)?
3. Analyze the article by identifying and explaining the following types of issues or topics from your article. Include **specific supporting evidence and/or specific examples** from the article. Include parenthetical citations for direct quotations and paraphrased material. (4 points)
  - Political & Governmental issues = concern governments, politics, interactions of a political nature among countries, policies/procedures resulting from governments, etc.
  - Economic issues = concern the exchange of money, goods, and/or services, trade policies, budgetary issues, costs involved, etc.
  - Social issues = concern the interactions between or among social groups of people, such as families, neighborhoods, age groups, etc.
  - Cultural issues = concern the values and beliefs of a specific group or groups of people, such as traditions, customs, religious beliefs, ethnic groups, etc.
4. How does this article relate to the five themes of geography? (location – show on map) Explain. Include parenthetical citations for direct quotations and paraphrased material. (2 points)
5. What is your reaction to this article? (What do you think about it? How do you feel about it?) Explain your reaction. (2 points)
6. Create a **Works Cited list** that includes the full MLA citation for your article. If you used additional resources, add them to this list (and include parenthetical citations in the analysis). The Works Cited list should be attached to the final draft of the written response. **It must** be included for credit on this assignment. (2 points)