

9A-Heyn Current Event Form

Name: _____

Period: _____

Theme: _____

Due Date: _____

Directions: Find an article either in the newspaper or online from a newspaper source (reputable national or local source). Make sure it pertains to your assigned theme (see rubric), if you're having difficulty locating an article (24-hours prior). Read the article and fill out the questions below on this (electronically or paper). Because this is a current events assignment you are to choose an article that is no more than a week old from when the assignment is given. Read the Rubric at the end of the worksheet to complete all the requirements for this assignment.

Topic of Article: _____

Title of Article: _____

Source: _____

WHO is this article about? _____

WHAT is this story about? List four important facts from your article.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

WHEN did this story take place?

WHERE is this event or issue occurring? (Specify city, country, region, etc.)

WHY is this story important?

CONNECT the article. What does it have to do with you? Can it be connected to anything we learned or are learning about in class?

THEMES:

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. History: Historical in nature and making a connection of present news to what we are currently learning about.

ROTATION: Current events are due for whichever color group (red/blue) is in session that week. The theme that you must choose changes each week according to your last name (see below).

- November 16-17
 - Periods: 1-3-5-7
 - A-F: Geography
 - G-M: Culture
 - N-Z: Government
 - Periods: 2-4-6
 - A-F: Technology
 - G-M: Cooperation
 - N-Z: History
- TBA
 - Periods: 1-3-5-7
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Grading will be based on the following rubric:

4 – Entire Current Event assignment displays the following requirements for each question/statement above:

- a. Demonstrates thoughtfulness, preparation, and accuracy.
- b. Reflects real understanding of the story and the issues.
- c. Follows directions.
- d. Is complete, neat, and includes the entire article.
- e. Asks and answers a provocative (for discussion purposes) question.

3 – Current Event assignment is complete but lacks 2 of the above requirements.

2 – Current Event assignment lacks 3 of the requirements.

1 – Current Event assignment lacks 4 of the requirements.

0 – Current Event assignment is late (except all day absence) or lacks 5 or more of the above requirements.