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Current Events Assignment – 2020-2021

United States History

Having the ability to find information and understand it is the key to becoming a participatory citizen and an educated consumer. One of the best places to find information is in our everyday media. Newspapers, the television, the radio, and the Internet can provide us the necessary information to make the best decisions and choices. Current events can be used to help explain curriculum taught to us in class and provide us with clear-cut examples of how to apply the knowledge that we are learning.

There will be a current events assignment due every other week for the first 3 quarters, unless otherwise instructed. Here are the following requirements:

1. Select an article from a newspaper/magazine/Internet news site of your choice (Internet: **onlinenewspapers.com**: *Press & Sun Bulletin, Evening Sun, New York Times, Los Angeles Times*, etc. or Google News search)
2. The article must be about a designated topic regarding the United States (*listed *on the backside of this handout* - ex. health care, civil rights, elections etc.)
3. When reading the article, you must **annotate** using the method we learned in class making sure to jot down the **gist** in the margin, **circle** terms/names you do not recognize and find the meaning/definition, **underline** terms/names that repeat, and **highlight** the main idea in each paragraph or section.
4. You must write a summary of the article, which includes:
 - a. Proper **format**: title of the article, author of the article, date it was published, and source (newspaper/magazine/Internet news site). **On backside of handout*
 - b. **Analysis** of the article including answers to “who, what, when, where, why?” (**should be at least 8 sentences**)
 - c. Explain your **opinion** about what the subject in the article was written about (**at least 6 sentences**) and
 - d. **Record three facts** that you learned from reading this article.

The summary must be one page typed, double spaced (12 in. font) with one-inch margins.

Each of these assigned summaries will be counted as a quiz grade (50-point value). *For every day it is late, you will lose 3 points, which includes weekends.*

If there are any questions about the assignment (appropriate article, written summary?), please ask!

Good Luck!



Current Events Topics in US History:

1. **Pollution (9/18)**
2. **Revolution or Change (10/2)**
3. **Constitutional Issues (10/16)**
4. **Political Parties (10/30)**
5. **Post-Presidential Election (11/13)**
6. Bill of Rights (12/4)
7. Conflict/Civil War (12/18)

8. Industrialization (1/8)
 9. Native Americans (1/22)
 10. **Women's Rights (2/5)**
 11. **Foreign Policy (2/19)**
 12. **Migrations of People (3/4) ***
 13. **Recession/Depression (3/19)**
 14. **African American Civil Rights (4/1) ***
- *due on Thursday due to shortened week

FORMAT FOR THE TYPED CURRENT EVENT

Name - _____
United States History & Government

Date - _____
CE Topic - _____

“Title of the Article”

Author

Date of publication

Source (ex. *The New York Times*)

single spaced

You only have to skip one space from the format and then begin typing the summary portion of the current event. **The rest of the current event will be double spaced**, as shown here. You are required to write a minimum of **8 sentences** for the summary portion of the assignment.

Summary of the article is worth 15 points

When completing the opinion portion of the current event, start a new paragraph and type a **minimum of 6 sentences** describing your opinion of the news story you have chosen related to the assigned topic. You should also try and link the article to a topic that we have/are discussing in class.

Your opinion of the article is worth 15 points

Finally, you can **list the 3 facts/things** that you have learned from the article that you previously had not known.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The 3 facts are worth 5 points

You will also **lose points** if there are numerous **spelling &/or grammar mistakes** and you will also **lose 3 points per day that it is late**. If the Current Event is not handed in when it is collected, it is considered late.

***annotation and article are worth 15 points**