

Current Event Assignment Quarter 3

We will use newspapers as a primary source of information about the world around us. In the second quarter we will focus Americas. You will be required to read and comment on a total of **three** stories throughout the second quarter. I will supply the first article that we will work on as a group to gain a total understanding. You will be responsible for finding the remaining two articles. The assignments need to be turned in on the following dates:

Current Event #1 **due Friday, February 19**

CE #2 **due Tuesday, March 9**

CE #3 **due Tuesday, March 23**

The topic you choose for CE#2 and CE#3 must include at least one of the countries from the map quiz list. You will have no trouble finding articles that pertain to this topic. There are also particular requirements for articles that you can use:

-Events need to be on-going. No one-day events such as a train-wreck or baseball game.

Using the Internet for this Quarter

You will be able to use Internet new sources this quarter as newspapers don't regularly have information on the Americas. If you use the Internet, you must complete an Internet Option Sheet.

Assessment

Each current event assignment will be worth 30 points. You will be graded on the following components:

Five Ws – 5 points

- One point for each answer correctly filled in

Vocab – 5 points

- Word minimum you will need to write down: CE#1 – 10 words, CE#2+ – 17 words.

Reflection – 10 points

- This is the subjective component of the grade. You will need to show, in at least 75 words, why this event is important and why I, the reader, should know about it. You can comment on: how this event affects the United States, Vermont, the people or place in the story. You cannot reflect in the negative, for example: *if this hadn't happened then things would be different. If the US hadn't invaded Iraq we would all be speaking Arabic now.* The reason why we don't reflect in the negative is because we don't have crystal balls to see into the past. You must reflect on what **actually** happened. It also has to be realistic.

Paraphrase – 10 points

- The purpose of this exercise is to increase your total understanding of what is going on. You will be assessed on the actual written paraphrase AND your ability to have a conversation with me IN YOUR OWN WORDS about this issue."