**Current Events Assignment**

Scan the newspaper, a news magazine, or Internet site of your choice to discover an article covering a current event affecting your country. Based on the article, you will complete a current events analysis writing assignment. A current events new article is defined for the purpose of this assignment as a relevant (within 14 days of the due date) article found in print or online. It is an article that has main ideas which are important to your country’s community (culture, government, history, technology, resources, cooperation and conflict with other countries, environment, etc). A current events article is not about a television show, a music group, or a sports team. An article is defined by the length (it cannot be a one paragraph news summary).

**Directions:**

1. Find an article in the news about a current event in your country (newspaper, magazine, online)

2. Obtain a hard copy of the article (the original, a photocopy, a print out… if printing, you may want to copy and paste into a word document)

3. Read the article thoroughly

4. Underline/highlight the most important information/main ideas

5. Annotate by “talking back” on the article (if possible, if not, write on response sheet)

6. Respond to the article with a current event analysis with the following components:

a. **Heading**:

* Title of the Article
* Countries Involved
* Name of Publication
* Date of Publication (not date of access)
* Name of Author(s)

b. **Response**: This should be two paragraphs (each paragraph should have a topic sentence)

* **Paragraph 1: A summary of the article, which answers the following questions:**
  + What is the news article about?
  + Where is the event taking place?
  + Who or what is being impacted by the event?
  + How will this event impact your country as a whole?
  + Will this event affect the global community? If so, in what way(s)?
* **Paragraph 2: A personal reflection, which answers one or more of the following questions:**
  + Does this event affect you personally in some way? If so, how?
  + What did you learn about your country by reading this?
  + What further questions to do you have after reading this?
  + How does this affect your desire to visit this country and why?
  + If the event posed a problem, how can this problem be solved and what needs to be done in order to solve it?

Source Suggestions:

Try using your country’s internet code to find articles written by/for citizens of that nation or go to [www.onlinenewspapers.com](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com) or [www.refdesk.com](http://www.refdesk.com) to find news/newspapers from your country.

New York Times: [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

BBC: [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com)

Telegraph: [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

New York Newsday: [www.nynewsday.com](http://www.nynewsday.com)

Time Magazine: [www.time.com](http://www.time.com)

Newsweek: www.newsweek.com

U.S. News and World Reports: [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)

Washington Post: [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

Guardian: [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk)

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