

## Current Event Discussion Board Guidelines

In our Contemporary World Problems class we will complete 18 weeks of current events. You will be broken into groups of 3 in which your group will be responsible for that week's current events. Each week we will complete current events on the last day of the week which is usually on Thursday. When it is your group's week to find the current events you will have to find one story from the United States, one story from the World, and one story from our state or local area. Students will copy the link to the story for each of the three stories and then everyone in the class including the group that posted it will write a discussion post about the article. Article links should be posted to the current event I send the group for that week the day before which is Wednesday. **The expectation for this assignment each week is 75 minutes to 100 minutes of writing. This means 50 minutes of that will be completed in class and the other 25 to 50 minutes in study hall or at home. When I grade these each Friday you will be graded against each other. The best posts and replies get the most points. Every week of Current Events is worth 30 points. 5 points for each of the three posts and 5 points for each of the 3 responses.**

**Steps for writing the discussion post about each of the three stories.**

**Part 1:** In your own words summarize what the article is about. Next state what your thoughts or recommendations might be about the story. In other words, answer the question, What do you think?

**Part 2:** State why you think what you think. Examine your own experiences, beliefs, or knowledge. This is also a good place to provide references, textual quotations, and or links to materials that reinforce your opinion.

**Part 3:** State what you wish you knew or directly solicit the opinion of classmates (in other words, ask a question)

Once you have done your original discussion posts on the three different articles the next step is to respond to three classmates (**One response in the U.S. current event, One response in the World current event, and one response to the state or local current event**). You should thoroughly answer the question they ask and offer your perspective or opinion to their response. When doing this be **PROFESSIONAL** and **RESPECTFUL!!** We all have the right to our perspective but be open to others perspectives as well.