

Current Events: News Analysis

Due:

Every other Tuesday, at 8:00 am on Classroom, unless otherwise specified.

Directions:

Understanding events in the news is an integral part of life. For this assignment, you will analyze a current and/or developing news event. The purpose of this assignment is to allow you an opportunity to practice the application of cultural and geographic knowledge throughout sixth grade. You are strongly encouraged to use as much content language as possible in your analysis. Your news analysis should be typed, 12-14 point Times New Roman, Arial or Cabin font, using the template [linked here](#).

You will be graded on your clarity and depth of analysis. The news analysis should contain the following three parts.

Part I: Citation

Include a specific link to the original NewsELA article.

Part II: Summary

A summary of the events in the article. Think who, what, when, where, why, how? This must show a thorough understanding of the events in the article.

Part III: Analysis

Your analysis section may include your opinion of the event. *You are expected to reference the article specifically in your analysis. This writing piece should demonstrate careful analytical thinking.

Other Information:

*Articles must be found on the “NewsELA” website, unless otherwise directed.

*The topic of your selected article must rotate. For example, one week can be politics, another week can be about a global event, another week can be about sports, another week can be about science/technology, etc.

*As long as you use the following format (linked above) as a template each week, and analyze to the best of your ability, you will receive a passing score each week.

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USE THIS CHECKLIST Before you turn in your work on Classroom, follow the prompts below and type an “x” next to each space, to show you have followed that prompt.

Did you...

___ include the complete NewsELA URL link? (1 pts)

___ summarize the article’s main idea and supporting details, using specific terms from the source? (4 pts)

___ analyze what you read, sharing your opinion and asking questions? (5 pts)

___ re-read your work for proper grammar, punctuation, and to ensure your sentences make sense? (5 pts)

Your Name:

Topic:

Citation (include the [complete NewsELA link](#)):

Summary (4-6 sentences):

**What was the article about?
(summarize in your own words the main idea and essential supporting details)*

**What is the main take-away?*

Analysis (5-8 sentences):

**What is your opinion on the topic?*

**What questions do you have after reading?*

**Any predictions or connections you can make?*

Hard-copy Current Events, Week #: Your Name:

Source (NewsELA link):

Date Accessed:

Title of Article:

Summary (4-8 sentences):

**What was the article about? (summarize in your own words the main idea and essential supporting details)*

If you need more space, you may write on the back. Please label it "summary continued"

Analysis (6-10 sentences):

**What is your opinion on the topic?
*What questions do you have after reading? *Any predictions or connections you can make?
What is the main take-away?

If you need more space, you may write on the back. Please label it "analysis continued"

**Remember to re-read what you write once you are done, to ensure it makes sense, you have used proper grammar and punctuation, and all requirements have been met.*

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