

Current Events-Essay

Directions

- 1) **Typed report** (turned in to teacher for grade) on a current event
 - Double spaced
 - 12 pt font
 - 500 word minimum / 1000 word maximum
- 2) **Print out article (website)**
 - if newspaper or magazine – attach to a blank piece of paper
 - date of article needs to be within 2 weeks of presentation
- 3) You will **present** one current event this quarter
 - If you choose NOT to orally present, you will lose 10 points
 - This is an essay grade (15%) overall

Paper should consist of three (3) paragraphs / Oral Presentation should follow same format:

1. A review of the article
2. How it parallels World History (has this same event happened previously in the past)
 - a. **Make sure that the article has a direct relation to the past**
3. Your opinion about the article

State your Source → You need to state where you obtained the article.

- Print directly from internet will capture your source (don't cut and paste)

Rubric for "Current Event - essay"

Content – 15 points _____		Comments
Article	Title of Current Event _____	
_____ Source is evident / clear	_____ date of article within two weeks of presentation	
Body paragraphs – Written Portion / Presentations		
_____ Paragraph One – summary of the article		
_____ Paragraph Two – relationship to history		
_____ Paragraph Three – opinion of the article		
_____ Only three (3) paragraphs		
Setup, Grammar and Spelling – 5 points _____		Comments
_____ Grammar / Spelling		
_____ Typed / Double-spaced / Stapled		
_____ Presentation looks as if time was put forth		
_____ Written portion is too long or too short (500-word minimum / 1000 word max)		
Presentation – 10 points _____		Comments
_____ Comfortable in front of class		
_____ Prepared for presentation		
_____ Spoke loudly enough to hear		
_____ Didn't read from paper		
_____ Too short or too long		
_____ Demonstrates understanding of article in relation to World History		

Grading System √+= ½ extra point || √= full credit || √- = minus 1 point || - = minus 2 points || 0 = minus 3 points min.

Grade - /30 (essay grade)

Current Events PowerPoint

Directions

- 1) **Create a PowerPoint / Prezi** to work in lieu of your written paper
 - 5 slides long w/ 5 images
 - i) Slides should outline your current event
 - Article source (newspaper, magazine, or internet page) should be stapled with rubric
 - i) Date of article needs to be within 2 weeks of presentation
- 2) You will **present** one current event this quarter
 - If you choose NOT to orally present, you will lose 10 points
 - Video can earn +1 extra credit (no longer than 1 minute)
 - This is a project grade (20%) overall

PowerPoint / Prezi should consist of five basic (5) slides (you may have more)

1. Title slide
 - a. Your name and title of slide AND Image of current event
2. Images and outline text over next two slides
3. See above
4. How it parallels World History (has this same event happened previously in the past)
 - a. **Make sure that the article has a direct correlation to the history**
5. Your opinion about the article
6. **State your Source** → You need to state where you obtained the article.

Rubric for "Current Events ppt"

Content – 15 points _____	Comments
Slides	Title of Current Event
_____ Slide One – title slide with current event title	
_____ Slide Two – summary of the article	
_____ Slide Three – images and outline	
_____ Slide Four – Parallel to World History	
_____ Slide Five – Your opinion of the article	
_____ Slide Six – Sources	
_____ Article stapled to rubric	
Setup, Grammar and Spelling – 5 points _____	
_____ Grammar / Spelling	
_____ Slides are balanced (if prezi, framed w/ title, text and images)	
_____ Outline notes from the article (Written portion is too long or too short)	
_____ No FULL sentences	
_____ File name correctly (last name, 1 st name-topic-per.ppt)	
Images – 10 points _____	
_____ More than 5 images (large enough) on PowerPoint (_____) (not distorted)	
_____ 1 image per slide	
_____ Font large and clear enough to be seen	
_____ Colored Visuals	
_____ Use of WordArt as your titles (large enough)	
Presentation – 10 points _____	
_____ Comfortable in front of class	
_____ Prepared for presentation	
_____ Spoke loudly enough to hear	
_____ Didn't read from paper	
_____ Too short or too long	
_____ Confident about material	

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Grade - /40 (project grade)