

CURRENT EVENTS LOG

What is a “Current Events Log”?

Every week, you will search national and international media outlets to find stories of global importance, complete a formal write-up of the article, and be prepared to discuss your articles with your peers in class. **Your Current Event Log will be checked every Friday.**

At the end of the semester, you will turn in your Current Event Log for a final grade along with an analysis reflection paper that will connect your articles to the major themes discussed during the semester.

What types of articles should I focus on?

The purpose of this assignment is to expand our knowledge of current world events and issues that have a global impact. It is important that you obtain your information from **reliable** sources!

Legitimate Internet News Sources:

- BBC News
- CCN.com
- ABC News
- CBS News
- Reuters.com
- World News.com
- MSNBC
- USA Today.com
- Times Magazine
- The New York Times
- Fox News.com

*You may also use newspapers and news magazines

Please Stay Away From:

- Opinion pieces
- Blogs
- Weather section
- Sports section
- Entertainment section
- TV shows



Current Events Log Template

For each week's Current Events Log, write a journal entry in your notebook that follows the below template. **Keep this paper in your binder for future reference.**

	Your Name Period Date	
Current Events Log #: _____		
1. Source Information		
• Title of Article: _____		
• Author(s) name: _____		
• Name of the Source (include www. address if a website): _____		
• Date of Publication: _____		
2. Region of the World		
- Europe	- Middle East	- Africa
- North America	- Russia	- Latin America
- East Asia (ex. China, Japan, Korea)	- South Asia (ex. India, Nepal)	- Southeast Asia (ex. Vietnam, Cambodia)
3. Nation or Country: _____		
4. Summarize the article, giving the reader the basic information of the problem, discover, or conflict (Who, What, When, Where, Why, How) <i>(One paragraph – 5 sentences minimum)</i>		
5. Give your own thoughts on the article's major issues: Why do you think we as Americans should know about this? How it might connect to a topic we have talked about in class? Is there a solution you think would help the situation? <i>(One paragraph – 4 sentences minimum)</i>		

*Each journal entry should be **no longer** than 1 page in length