

# MONTHLY CURRENT EVENTS ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

## TAG SOCIAL STUDIES

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### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Worth 100 points - counts as a performance assessment grade
- Topic choices must be related to the unit we are currently studying
- Due on the date assigned to you. This will be a rotating date. It will be explained fully in class.
- Work is expected to be with you on the due date! You will be presenting your work, and if you cannot present (unless you are absent), points will be deducted.
- C.U.P.S. (Capitalization, Usage, Punctuation and Spelling) **do** count! (see rubric)
- Neat work is expected (10% bonus on grade earned for typing)
- Papers **must** have your name, class name, and student ID# (see rubric)
- Name of source of article (web-site address -complete - so that I can look up the article, **or** name/date of newspaper/magazine **must be given.** (Alternatively, you may print out the article if it is from on-line or turn in the newspaper article - but be sure the source info or web address is printed at bottom) **Source must be no older than 1 week prior to date assignment posted.**
- Write-up should include a **minimum of five** (*maximum of ten*) summary sentences (in one paragraph), then skip a space.
- A minimum of three (maximum of six) opinions, predictions, and/or important implications is required. You may do the three "thinking critically" parts in bullets. This 'thinking critically' should be relevant to your article and of an appropriate level for a TAG student. (Do not write "I really liked this article. It was good." - This is not appropriate for a middle-level TAG student. Also, you are writing on the issues in the article, not on the writing style of the author.)

**SEE RUBRIC!** This will help you complete your assignment correctly.

There are links on my website for help in locating articles.