

AP US Government and Politics

Name: _____ Period: _____

Summer Assignment: 6 Current Events (60 process points)

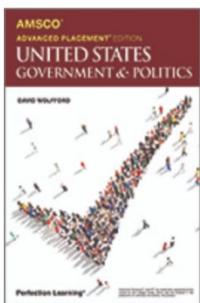
Students will locate, summarize, analyze, and evaluate six articles about a variety of topics which relate to United States Government and Politics. Please organize your current events as a running chronological log, so that one document includes all 6 current events. These are extremely easy points if you follow directions, as there is no right or wrong. You should follow the specific guidelines provided.

Specific Guidelines:

1. Each Current Event should be 1 typed single space page using 12 font (~500 words) with your name, as well as the date of the Current Event, in the upper right-hand corner and should include:
 - a. Summary: (suggested length – one third of page) Summarize the main points (who, what, where, when, why, how) of the article.
 - b. Analysis/Evaluation: (suggested length – one third to one half of page) This is where you need to connect it to government; specifically, how the event affects the rights or lives of citizens. Why is this event important to know about? Please give examples to support your response.
 - c. Opinion: (suggested length- a quarter to one third of page) What do you think about the current event? How does the event affect you? Your opinion must be based on prior knowledge, and what you have read. Use government vocabulary and knowledge to support your response.
 - d. A link to the article or a copy of the article. Below are examples of appropriate news sources for this assignment:
 - i. [BBC News](#)
 - ii. [Wall Street Journal](#)
 - iii. [The Economist](#)
 - iv. [USA Today](#)
 - v. [New York Times](#)
 - vi. [The Washington Post](#)
 - vii. [NBC News](#)
 - viii. [National Public Radio](#)
 - ix. [Fox News](#)
 - x. [Cable News Network \(CNN\)](#)
 - xi. [ABC News](#)
 - xii. [CBS News](#)
 - xiii. [The Week Magazine](#)
2. Your current events are due on the **Monday after the first day of school**. Late current events are unacceptable and will be penalized. If you are not in class the day this assignment is due, you are expected to upload the document to the Schoology Discussion Board titled “Summer Assignments” prior to the start of class (i.e., you can’t skip class to work on this assignment).
3. Academic Integrity – Academic Integrity is at the heart of a sound academic policy. The integrity of a school course and program depend on the honest completion of student work. Cheating and/or plagiarism violate the most basic understanding between a student and a teacher—that a student’s work is his/her own. Cheating occurs when a student:
 - a. copies someone else’s work and/or violates copyright.
 - b. allows someone else to copy his/her work.
 - c. allows someone to complete his/her work.If a student is caught cheating, he/she will:
 - a. fail the assignment without opportunity to redo the assignment.
 - b. be referred for disciplinary action.^[P]_[SEP]

Current Event Rubric:

CATEGORY	3 (Exceeds Expectations)	2 (Minimum Expectations)	1 (Needs Improvement)
Summary 3 points	Summary of article is clear, complete, and accurate. All of the main points are addressed.	Summary of article is clear, complete, and accurate.	Summary of the article is unclear, incomplete, or inaccurate
Analysis/Evaluation 3 points	Analysis of how the event affects rights or lives of citizens is clear and complete. Evaluation of importance of the event is clear and complete. Multiple valid examples are applied and extended to support the response.	Analysis of how the event affects rights or lives of citizens is clear and complete. Evaluation of importance of the event is clear and complete. Valid examples are used to support the response.	Analysis of how the event affects right or lives of citizens lacks clarity. Evaluation of the importance of the event lacks clarity. Lacks examples.
Opinion 2 points		Opinion of the current event is clear and complete. Student explains their opinion of the event and how the event affects them using prior knowledge, information from article, government vocabulary, and knowledge of principles of democracy.	Opinion of the current event is incomplete.
Organization/ Length 2 points		It meets the requirements of length and is organized according to the guidelines above.	It meets none of the requirements.



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