

## Current Events Assignment--ASIA

**Purpose:** In order to more successfully contribute to community and society at large, one should be current on the world's issues, updates, and changes. Being an informed citizen and discussing current events will give one a better perspective on different points of view and encourage a healthier lifestyle.

### Article Guidelines:

- Article must be current—within approximately one month of due date.
- Article must be relevant and directly linked to Asia—should not be about music group, sports team, entertainment, etc.
- Article must be from appropriate source—NOT Wikipedia! (see suggestions below)
- Article must be attached to your write-up and should be appropriately marked.

**Directions:** You will read a current events article, create a write-up (summary-who, what, where, when, and how; why you choose the article; how it relates to our study of Asia, how it might impact the US, and lastly, do you see any bias in the article—why is the event newsworthy, timely?), and then lead a discussion on the event. The news source can be digital or print. All write-ups are due on date of your current event presentation.

**Note:** Begin by MARKING THE TEXT as you read! This note-taking should include underlining main ideas, highlighting important facts/details, circling unfamiliar vocabulary, writing notes and/or connections in the margins, etc. Specific directions for each section are given below.

- I. **Summary:** On the lines given, summarize the main idea of your article. This should be easy if you have already underlined main ideas and highlighted important facts.
- II. **Reflection:** Think about your own opinion or reaction to the topic presented in the article. Do you agree or not? What is your position, claim, argument?
- III. **ASIA Connection:** Explain how the article you chose relates to our study of Asia.

**DON'T FORGET TO ATTACH YOUR ARTICLE TO YOUR WRITE-UP BEFORE YOU TURN IN!!**

### Suggested Sources

- Local newspaper!!
- [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org) (National Public Radio)
- [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com) (New York Times - newspaper)
- [www.washingtontimes.com](http://www.washingtontimes.com) (Washington Times – newspaper)
- [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com) (Washington Post – newspaper)
- [www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com) (Los Angeles Times – newspaper)
- [www.chicagotribune.com](http://www.chicagotribune.com) (Chicago Tribune – newspaper)
- [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com) (NBC – broadcast T.V. news)
- [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) (CNN – cable T.V. news)
- [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) (U.S. News & World Report - magazine)
- [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com) (Fox – cable T.V. news)
- [www.abcnews.go.com](http://www.abcnews.go.com) (ABC – broadcast T.V. news)
- [www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com) (CBS – broadcast T.V. news)

### Current Events Assignment Sheet Due Dates

<u>EVEN CLASSES</u>	<u>ODD CLASSES</u>
<b>Quarter 4</b>	
Tuesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> (2)	Wednesday, April 10th
Tuesday, April 16th (4)	Wednesday, April 17th
Tuesday, April 23rd (4)	Wednesday, April 24th
Tuesday, April 30th (6)	Wednesday, May 1st
Tuesday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> (6)	Wednesday, May 8th
Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> (6)	Wednesday, May 15th
Tuesday, May 21st (6)	Wednesday, May 22nd