

## Current Event Directions

One of the goals of this course is to help you develop an understanding of how historic events relate to current events. Current events give relevance to our past when we can make a connection between them.

**Directions:** Each week, you will be given a current event topic. Find an appropriate article; you may use a newspaper, newsmagazine and/or Internet. READ IT, and answer the questions below.

Current events must follow this format exactly—numbering each part of the assignment as follows. You must either write the prompt for each part of the current event format or write a response that incorporates the prompt (ex: The topic of the week is...). Attach the article directly opposite, or next to, your write up for #1-7.

**On one side of your notebook:**

1. TOPIC of the week:

2. MLA citation of your article:

*Newspaper or Magazine:*

Author's last name, first name. "Title of the article." Title of the Newspaper or Magazine Day, Month, Year: Page numbers.

*Internet articles:*

Author's last name, first name. Name of page. Posted date. Name of organization that runs the site. Date you accessed the site. <full web address>.

3. WHERE is the event taking place?

4. WHO is involved?

5. WHAT happened? (*Summarize the article in your own words, in one paragraph.*)

6. WHY these events took place (what other events led to this event, what was the cause of this event)?

7. HOW does this event affect us *and* why is this event significant?

**On the back of #1-7:**

8. MAKE A CONNECTION – Write ½ page including ALL of the following:

- How do the events described in the article you chose relate to this week's studies?

**Make at least 2 specific connections using examples from content learned this week**

9. SYMBOLIC VISUAL – Create a ½ page, quality, color visual that represents your #8 connection. Use symbols to show the connection you have made. The picture that accompanied the article does NOT count as your visual.