

Current Event Form

One of the goals of mine is to help you develop an understanding of how current events reflect events in our government class. Current events give relevance to our past when we can make a connection between them.

You will use this current event form for the duration of our government class. **DO NOT** write on this paper, but use it as a guide for your weekly current event assignments. Current events must be written in blue or black ink or typewritten. Follow this format exactly—numbering each part of the assignment as follows. Please **do not attach the article**.

For your current event, you may use an article from a newspaper, newsmagazine and/or Internet. Find an appropriate article, **READ IT**, and answer the questions below. If your family does not subscribe to these types of publications, you may find information in the library or there may be some in the classroom.

On the Right 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:

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 (specify US, CA, and/or Santa Cruz County) *and* why is this event significant? What are the implications for the future?

On the backside of the paper you must put number 8:

8. **MAKE A CONNECTION** (How does this article relate to: a) this week's topic *and* b) what we have studied this week in Government?)

- You must answer how the event relates to what you are studying this week in Social Studies.
- Give *at least* one specific example of the relationship.
- Your connection must be both a colorful visual and written description. (A picture from the newspaper does not qualify as your visual, this means you must do the drawing by hand.)
- Be creative!