

6th Grade Current Events

In addition to studying Minnesota history, we will follow significant events taking place in our world. Sometimes, we will simply discuss a topic of recent importance and interest. In addition, **you are required to complete 2 independent current events assignments each quarter.**

CE Requirements

A. **Find 2 Significant News Stories:** You will find, read and complete a written assignment on two separate news stories twice each quarter. The stories can be from a hard copy newspaper, magazine, or an on-line news source. **You do not turn in the actual articles,** just your write-ups. These articles need to fit the following categories:

- Article 1: World News (Something happening outside the United States)
- Article 2: US News (Something happening inside of the United States)

B. Articles should be recent (published in the last 30 days), and **they should be of significant news value. Ask me ahead of time if you wonder about whether a story is appropriate.** In addition, you cannot do a current event on an article that you are also required to read for class.

Grading

A. Each assignment is worth 20 points and needs to include the following:

1. **Heading:** A typed heading with your name (no name, no credit).
2. **Summary:** A typed summary (focus on main ideas) of the event **in your own words**, no longer than 5-7 sentences (paragraph format). **Do not** cut and paste from your sources! You need to learn how to paraphrase information that has been published by others, and we will spend time this year learning how to do this. I do not want more than a ½ page summary (**10 points; 5 per article**).
3. **Personal Reaction:** You must type a 5-7 sentence reaction to the story. To be honest, I am more interested in your reaction than your summary. This is where you share your thoughts, feelings and opinions about the article you read. (**10 points; 5 per article**).
4. **Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation/Submitted on Time:** You will be docked 10% for the following mistakes (for a-e 10% total!):
 - a. Not capitalizing the word "I"
 - b. Not starting sentences with upper case letters
 - c. Not ending sentences with the appropriate end punctuation mark
 - d. Not putting spaces after all periods and commas
 - e. Not capitalizing proper nouns
 - f. Each day submitted late

B. Turn your current events in **on or before the start of class on the due date.** You will lose 10% of your assignment value for each late class period up to two weeks late.

Quarter One Current Events Due Dates

- **CE 1: Monday, 10/1 (Start of Class)**
- **CE 2: Friday, 10/26 (Start of Class)**