

## **Friday Current Issues 10 points/ week**

Each week you will be turning in a current event about something that interests you in our field of study that happened recently in the news. Please follow the guidelines in the front and back of this paper for full credit. Then we will discuss articles each Friday and you will have the opportunity for participation points.

### **Guidelines for Current Events**

- 1.** Articles must be current (within the past week or so). **Do YOUR particular world region.**
- 2.** Articles must be attached or sent with your event write-up and turned in via the **DROPBOX.** (You can just share with me the link if you want)
- 3.** Articles must be from reputable news agency. For example- **“Google News”** or **“BBC”** are excellent sources. “The Onion or cracked.com” while funny at times, are not reputable news sources.
- 4.** Articles must be of **a topic that deals with a social issue!** Some examples are listed below. Celebrity gossip, random murders, etc. do not count.

### **Social Issues (Acceptable) include, but are not limited to issues involving:**

Social Problems (welfare, poverty, health care, etc.)  
Warfare  
Terrorism  
Discrimination, Prejudice  
Marriage, divorce, population issues  
Crime, Prisons, Inequality in the Justice System, racial profiling  
Educational issues  
Immigration Problems and Reform  
Gender inequality issues  
Personal Freedoms  
Human Rights and Laws  
Government Corruption  
Environmental Issues  
Economic Issues, Poverty  
Health Issues, Diseases (HIV/AIDS)  
Trade and Globalization

And others!

- 5.** See back side for formatting of the summary.
- 6.** Two points extra credit for each valid original discussion point you bring up or introduce about someone else’s topic. Max 2 points/ week (this will help you a lot- take advantage of it!)

## Current Issues Analysis Model

Issue : \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Article \_\_\_\_\_

Please follow the current event analysis model below in a few well-written **paragraphs. (about 3/4-1 page)** DO not just “list” the answers or copy the article word for word, but write these out in your own words. **SINGLE SPACED and EMAILED TO MY BOX (INCLUDE HOUR)**

**I. Define the Problem, Event, or Social Issue**

Include facts to prove that there is a problem. Organize your facts in a logical sequence.

**II. Causes**

List and briefly explain the causes (or theories of causes) of the problem.

**III. Perspectives**

How do different groups or people view the issue?

**IV. Programs/ Ideas to deal with issue**

What strategies have been used (successfully or not) in dealing with the issue?

**V. Your Opinion**

What is your opinion on the issue discussed in the article?