

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

### **US GOVERNMENT**

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)
2. Articles must be attached or emailed with your event write-up. (You can email me the link if you want)
3. Articles must be from reputable news agency. For example- “CNN.com 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 political or social issue in **your assigned sub-area**. See the current event spreadsheet on the class website calendar page

#### **Subtopic categories include...**

- A. Local News (Greater Portland area)
- B. State News
- C. National News
- D. US International news (has to have some kind of US connection though)
- E. Economic News

\*\*\* Social Issues (poverty, war, drugs, laws, criminal justice issues, race and ethnicity, gender, human rights, etc...will probably be the most “interesting” stories you can report on. Don’t report on celebrity gossip, advice columns, etc.

5. See back side for formatting of the summary.
6. One point 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 or Social Issue**

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

*WRITE THESE IN PARAGRAPH FORM*

### **II. Causes**

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

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### **III. Perspectives**

How do different groups or people view the issue?

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

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

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### **V. Your Opinion**

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

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