

Current Events Blog 2007-2008 Social Studies

This semester we will be using the following guidelines for Current Events.

1. You will be assigned one day to present either your own current event article or a response to one of your classmate's current event presentations.
2. You will choose a story online. The article may not be more than 3 days old. Types of stories accepted will be discussed in class.
3. Your current events blog must be ready at the beginning of class on the day of the presentation.
4. You will give a 2-5 minute, oral presentation to the class addressing each question listed below.

Requirements for my Oral Presentation / Initial Posting

Resource Required:

- Proper citation for news article (see format below)
- Link to news article
- Picture of event (must include URL as source information)
- Map of location (must include URL as source information)

1. What is the issue? (In a complete paragraph summarize the 5W's and H)
2. Who is affected and how? (make a list and then explain how each person is affected)
3. What would you do if you were directly involved?
 - What do you think is the best solution (explain why you feel the way you do)?
 - Think about the future and the way peoples lives will be impacted.

Requirements for my Response

Resources Required:

- Proper citation for news article (see format below)
- Link to new article
- Link to your classmate's blog
- Picture (must include URL as source information)
- Map (must include URL as source information)

First, you have 2 options:

1. Find another article about the same event and describe what **new** information has emerged.

OR

1. Find a similar event and write about how they are **connected**.

Then, all responses must include:

2. What did or didn't you find interesting about this topic?
3. What did you like about the initial blog posting/presentation or how could it be improved?

Citation Format

Author (last name first). "Title of the Article." Website Title, Edition. Date published. <website address> (date you looked at the site).