Mr. Scanlon’s Weekly Current Event Assignment and Rubric

Each week you will complete the following using a new (no more than six month old) informational, non-fiction article that we have not covered in class. The article can be about an international or national news event, scientific, historical, psychological, or recent biographical nonfiction articles. **NO celebrity gossip, no sports, reviews, etc.** Your assignment can be submitted on paper or online.


1. **Print or cut out** an article that is **no more than six months old** – a link to an online article is only permitted for online submissions. (10 points)

2. Including a brief summary of the event in your own words (not lines taken from the article), as well as background information and its GP relevance: Local (how does it affect us here in Belleview or Florida), National (how does it affect the whole country), and International (how does it affect relations between countries or worldwide). There should be a minimum of one complete, properly punctuated sentence for each – four complete sentences total. Think Twitter - one or two sentences to capture the heart of the idea. (40 points)

3. Choose one prompt from the **GP Released Test Prompt PDF** and write an opinion paragraph. **It should relate to your article.** Include specific details and information from the article to support your opinion in relation to the prompt (5-8 sentences). **The chosen prompt must be included.** (40 points)

4. **Work Cited**: Correctly cite your resource for the article **using MLA citation style.** PUNCTUATION COUNTS, INCLUDING HANGING INDENT! (10 points)

**MLA Bibliography Format: Online Newspaper Article**
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Article Title.” *Newspaper* Date of Publication as Day Abbreviated Month. Year. Newspaper Section. Date You Read It Web Address.

**Example:**

**MLA Bibliographic Format: Newspaper Article**
Author’s Last Name, Author’s First Name. “Article Title.” *Newspaper* Date of Publication as Day Abbreviated Month. Year, Edition. Pages.

*Note: For page numbers, use #-# if consecutive pages; use #+ if pages skip

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<td>Article</td>
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<td>Article is partially printed or cut out of an approved newspaper or source.</td>
<td>Article is not from an approved newspaper or source.</td>
<td>Link or title of article only (If paper copy submitted).</td>
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<td>Summary</td>
<td>Four Twitter-style one-sentence summaries included. There are summaries of the article as well as potential effects at the local, national, and international level in essay format.</td>
<td>Three Twitter-style one-sentence summaries included. There are summaries of the article and/or potential effects at the local, national, and international level, and/or little attention has been paid to capitalization/punctuation.</td>
<td>Two Twitter-style one-sentence summaries included. There are summaries of the article and/or potential effects at the local, national, and international level, and/or summaries are incomplete sentences or no attention has been paid to capitalization/punctuation.</td>
<td>One Twitter-style one-sentence summary included. There is a summary of the article or potential effects at the local or national, or international level, and/or the summary is made up of quotes and/or sentence fragments.</td>
<td>Summaries are not included.</td>
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<td>Citation</td>
<td>Citation is correctly formatted in MLA and includes all necessary information.</td>
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<td>Citation may not be in MLA format, a few elements are missing, and it is not formatted correctly. Grammatical errors may be present.</td>
<td>Citation is not formatted correctly and is missing several elements. Citation may be in a table rather than as a citation.</td>
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<td>Short Essay from Prompt</td>
<td>Student has written a paragraph from a GP prompt consisting of 5-8 sentences. Analysis of article is clear and concise. No spelling or grammatical errors; publish-ready condition.</td>
<td>Student has written a paragraph from a GP prompt consisting of at least 5-8 sentences. Opinion is somewhat clear. Few spelling or grammatical errors.</td>
<td>Student has written several sentences that include an opinion, but no GP prompt is referenced and/or there may be many spelling or grammatical errors, and/or is insufficient in length.</td>
<td>Student has written an article summary rather than an opinion and/or summary is insufficient in length, and/or no GP prompt is referenced.</td>
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