

Weekly Current Event Rubric

Each week you will complete the following using an informational, non-fiction article. The article can be about an international or national news event, scientific, historical, psychological, or biographical nonfiction articles. NO celebrity gossip, no sports reviews, etc.

*Online newspapers: <http://www.bbc.co.uk> www.aljazeera.com <http://www.huffingtonpost.com>
<http://www.nytimes.com> www.wsj.com <http://www.japantimes.com> www.timesofindia.com
www.xinhuanet.com/english <http://www.theguardian.com/uk>

1. **Print or cut out** an ANNOTATED article- no grade if this is not included- using Twitterfeed summarization
 2. **Including a brief summary** of your thoughts on the event, as well as background information and its GP relevance: Local, National, International (3 sentences). (50 pts)
 3. **Bibliography citation:** Correctly cite your resource for the article using MLA citation style. PUNCTUATION COUNTS, INCLUDING HANGING INDENT!
- *Note: Easy Bib: <http://www.easybib.com/> & Citation Machine: <http://citationmachine.net> are suggested websites. (10 pts)
4. **Choose one prompt** from the **GP Released Test Prompt PDF** and write an opinion paragraph without using any 1st person pronouns (me, myself, I, we, us). Include specific details and information from the article to support your opinion in relation to the prompt (5-8 sentences). (35 pts)

MLA Bibliography Format: Online Newspaper Article

Format: 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:

Stevens, William K. "Computers Model World's Climate, but How Well?" New York Times on the Web 4 Nov.1997. CyberTimes. 31 Dec. 1997
<<http://www.nytimes.com/library/cyber/week/110497weather.html>>.

MLA Bibliographic Format: Newspaper Article

Format: 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

Example:

Broder, John M. "Clinton Adamant on 3D World Role in Climate Accord." New York Times 12 Dec.1997, natl. ed. : A1+.

CURRENT EVENT RUBRIC	A	B	C	D	F
Article	Article is printed or cut out of an approved newspaper.				Article is not included.
Annotations	Twitterfeed summary included for every paragraph of at least 3 sentence lengths.	Twitterfeed summary included for most paragraphs.	Some issues with Twitterfeed summary or several paragraphs missing summary.	Less than 5 Twitterfeed summaries and/or many issues with the summaries themselves.	Twitterfeed summaries are not included.
Citation	Citation is in correctly formatted in MLA and includes all necessary information.	Citation is in MLA format, but there are one or two elements missing OR a few grammatical errors are present.	Citation may not be in MLA format, a few elements are missing, and it is not formatted correctly. Grammatical errors may be present.	Citation is not formatted correctly and is missing several elements. Citation may be in a table rather than as a citation.	No citation in included.
Position Statement	Student has written a paragraph consisting of 5-8 sentences. No pronouns are used and analyzation of article is clear and concise. No spelling or grammatical errors.	Student has written a paragraph consisting of at least 5-8 sentences. Pronouns may have been used and opinion is somewhat clear. No spelling or grammatical errors.	Student has written several sentences that include an opinion. Pronouns may have been used. There may be spelling or grammatical errors.	Student has written a summary rather than an opinion AND/OR summary is insufficient in length.	No opinion paragraph is included.