

Current Events Blog Requirements
AP Comparative Government—Spring 2014

Many of you were hoping you wouldn't have to do another CE journal this semester....you don't.....you are doing something slightly different.

Instead of crafting a two page essay and marking the text of an article you've read like I made everyone do last semester, you will be blogging about current international political issues each week.

Your requirements are as follows:

First, find an article that applies to any international political issue, which has been written in the past two weeks. Your posts must be relevant to either the 6 countries or the 6 themes.

1. You need to post the Author, Title, and Source of the article you have drawn your weekly inspiration from. Following that information, you need to post the link to your article.
2. After reading your article, you need to create an essential question that you believe the article forces you to ask, and make this question the central focus of your post. (I will post an example on classpress).
3. You need to answer your question or offer commentary on your issue in no fewer than 500 words per post.
4. In addition, you must comment on 2 classmates' blogs per week, and answer any questions/arguments made by classmates in relation to your original posting.

Your posts are due by: Midnight every Thursday.

Your comments are due by: The beginning of class every Monday.

Each weekly post is worth 25 points per week.

You will be scored on the following:

- Quality of the question
- Timeliness of your article
- Quality of your post (insight, writing clarity etc.)
- Interaction with other students
 - You make appropriate comments
 - You respond in a timely manner to questions/arguments given by classmates