

## **Current Events Assignment**

Students often wonder why they need to learn history. Many even say, “Why is it important to me? These guys are all dead!” History has a way of repeating itself, so it is important to look at current events and relate them back to other events in history. This is an assignment based on any current event news article of your choice.

Each student will be required to find an interesting current events article, present it to the class, and submit a written report. Presenters will summarize their articles, share their personal reactions, explain how their article relates to Social studies, and finally pose a discussion question to the class. Presentations should be approximately 5 minutes and will occur every Friday at the start of class. If, for any reason, there is no class on a Friday, presentations will take place on Thursday instead.

- 1) Look through magazines, newspapers, and the internet to find a recent article that interests you. This article can be about a local, national, or international event and must be directly related to Social Studies.
- 2) Compose a written report, consisting of a summary of the article in your own words, your reaction to it, and how this article connects to this course. You may want to answer these questions in your reaction:
  - Why did you choose this article?
  - How did this article affect you?
  - What would you do if you were in this situation?
  - Why did you like or dislike the article?
  - Who could benefit from reading this article?

In your written report, be sure to include the title of the article, name of the publication, date of the publication, and author(s) name.

- 3) Attach the original article to your report.