

## **Current Events Directions**

Students are going to complete 4 Current Events this semester. The purpose of this project is to keep students aware of the issues and news going around not only in the United States but all over the world. This will give students a better understanding on the global issues which are affecting the world today.

**Directions:** Students will find an article of their choice in either a Newspaper or an online news source (foxnews.com, cnn.com, fredericknewspost.com, etc). **They are asked to pick an article about another country.** These articles are found in the world section of the paper. I advise students to pick an article long enough for them to write a summary on; one paragraph articles will be difficult to write a summary on. After finding the article, either print it out or cut it out of the paper. Then follow the steps below:

1. Read the article. Using a highlighter or pencil, underline important information in the text.
2. Create guided questions for the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, etc. For example, if I read an article on the earthquake in China some of my guided questions would include: How many victims were accounted for? Where did the earthquake take place? How long until they fix the damage from the earthquake? Remember, these are YOUR questions and they will help you write your summary.
3. Now, look at the 6 guided questions you came up with. You are going to answer those questions in your summary. The purpose for the guided questions is to help you focus on what you are going to write about. Don't forget to use complete sentences in your summary. I should be able to read your summary and know what the article is about, without reading the article myself!
4. Staple your article to the summary sheet, put your name on the paper, and turn it in to Ms. Roelke. It can be turned in on the day it is due or before!

## **How do I get an A on my Current Event?**

1. You hand in your article with your summary sheet...WITH HIGHLIGHTS!
2. You have written 6 guided questions to help you with your summary.
3. You must write at least 8 sentences! Make sure your summary makes sense.
4. Turn it in on time!