**News Analysis assignment**

For this assignment, you will pick a current world issue in the news and follow it throughout the unit, reading articles from multiple news sources. Afterwards, you will write a reflection about your experience with the information you received, keeping up to date on a current political issue in the news, and the role the media plays in relation to issues.

There are two parts of this assignment that will need to be submitted:

1. **Timeline** – you will create a timeline that displays a ***minimum of 8 news sources*** examined that are about your current issue. For each source you must provide a ***3 to 5 sentence summary*** of what that news source said. Your news sources:
* Must not all be from the same news platform. You should have a **minimum of 4 different news platforms** used.
* You should have *multiple points of view* and opinions reflected in this assignment.
* The articles being used should be *new and up to date* on that current issue. You should *not* use an article that is older than the last one you analyzed.
1. Reflection – you will write a reflection about your experience with the information you received from the media on a current issue. You must speak about:
	1. What your issue is and your current opinion on the issue. You must explain why that is your opinion, using the research you have done to back it up.
	2. Were the media sources biased in any way? Justify your response with a couple of specific examples as to why/why not.
	3. Which platforms provided you with useful information, which did not?
	4. Your experience with keeping up to date on a current issue using multiple news sources.
	5. Explain and reflect upon what role the media plays in relation to issues.

**\*You will be given class time to work on this assignment\***

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| ***Reads to explore, construct and extend understanding*** | Student has a **clear** understanding on their issue and has **clearly** identified their position on that issue.  | Student **mostly** understands their issue and has identified their position on that issue.  | Student **somewhat** understands their issue and has **somewhat** identified their position on that issue.  | Incomplete.  |
| ***Manages and evaluates information and ideas*** | Student **clearly** identifies why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased.  | Student **mostly** identifies why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased. | Student **somewhat** identifies why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased. | Incomplete.  |
| ***Represents ideas and creates understanding through a variety of media*** | News sources come from a variety of media platforms. Student used **5 or more media platforms** to find news sources on their issue.  | News sources **mostly** come from a variety of media platforms. Student **used 3 to 4 media platforms** to find news sources on their issue.  | News sources **do not** come from a good variety of media platforms. Student used **2 media platforms** to find news sources on their issue.  | There is no variety in media platforms used. Student used **1 media platform**, or the assignment is **incomplete**.  |
| ***Explores events and issues from different points of view*** | Multiple points of view on the issue are **clearly** explored and summarized. | Multiple points of view on the issue are **mostly** explored and summarized. | Multiple points of view on the issue are **somewhat** explored and summarized. | Incomplete.  |