

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 media platforms** used. Examples of media platforms include: Twitter, Video, Articles, etc.
 - 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.

2. **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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<i>Reads to explore, construct and extend understanding</i>	Student has demonstrated an exceptionally clear and insightful understanding of the issue by correctly, effectively, and succinctly paraphrasing the news event in their own words. The student has also made their personal position or opinion of the issue clear by providing many specific reasons to back up their thoughts.	Student has demonstrated a clear understanding of the issue by paraphrasing the news event in their own words. The student has also made their personal position or opinion of the issue clear by providing a variety of specific reasons to back up their thoughts.	Student has demonstrated a mostly clear understanding of the issue by paraphrasing the news event in their own words. The student has also made their personal position or opinion of the issue mostly clear by providing a few reasons to back up their thoughts.	Student has demonstrated a somewhat clear understanding of the issue by summarizing the news event. The student has also made their personal position or opinion of the issue somewhat clear by providing minimal or no reasons to back up their thoughts. Or work is incomplete .
<i>Manages and evaluates information and ideas</i>	Student identifies and provides exceptionally clear reasoning as to why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased with impressive evidence to back it up.	Student identifies and provides clear reasoning as to why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased with strong evidence to back it up.	Student identifies and provides mostly clear reasoning as to why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased with adequate evidence to back it up.	Student identifies and provides a somewhat clear reasoning as to why certain media platforms and news sources were reliable or biased with minimal or no evidence to back it up. Or work is incomplete .
<i>Represents ideas and creates understanding through a variety of media</i>	Student has used an impressive amount of media platforms to find news sources on their issue.	Student has used a significant amount of media platforms to find news sources on their issue.	Student has used an ample amount of media platforms to find news sources on their issue.	Student has used an insufficient amount of media platforms to find news sources on their issue.
<i>Explores events and issues from different points of view</i>	An exceptional amount of perspectives on the issue are clearly explored and summarized.	Multiple perspectives on the issue are explored and summarized.	An adequate amount of perspectives on the issue are mostly explored and summarized.	An insufficient amount of perspectives on the issue are presented or work is incomplete .