

Current Events Schedule Fall/Winter 2017

Assignment: *Look for local, national, or international news stories, and choose one.*

- 1) Clearly explain what happened, who is involved, & when and where it happened.
 - o You should be able to show on a map where it happened.
 - o The event should be recent – no older than two weeks. (You can talk about how earlier events led to this event.)
- 2) Explain why the event matters. Do your best to discuss at least two different points of view about the story.
- 3) Be sure to cite your sources of information, and be truthful and accurate with the details of the story. Please use the attached bibliography formats and as best you can include all important citation information in the space provided.
- 4) Use good public speaking skills to share your story. Your presentation should not be longer than three minutes (maybe five if there is discussion from the audience).
- 5) Be ready to present any day during your assigned week.
- 6) Have an idea of which Grade 5 theme it will go under: Sharing the planet, Where we are in place and time, How we organize ourselves, How the world works, How we express ourselves, Who we are. Check the blog for more information on each theme.
- 7) Begin to think about key concepts that your current may fit under: form, function, connection, change, responsibility, causation, perspective, reflection.

Possible sites for current news:

<http://teachingkidsnews.com/>

<https://www.timeforkids.com/>

<https://www.currents4kids.com>

<http://www.dogonews.com>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/>

<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org>

If you aren't sure, ask an adult in your home what news is catching their eye!

****To help in your planning, feel free to use the below script to guide your presentation and explaining the different Points of View (POV) regarding this topic.**

Current Events Session 1

Name:

For this round, please prepare the following script and turn it in after your presentation.

The topic I have chosen is: _____

What happened was: _____

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This happened on: _____ in: _____

You might also be interested to know that: _____

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This event affects: _____, because _____

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It also affects: _____, because _____

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Finally, it affects: _____, because _____

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One thick question we could discuss about this event is: _____

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The grade 5 Theme it goes under is _____, because

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A key concept that my current events connects to is _____, because

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I found my information from this/these source(s):

Week of November 20th: Gabby, Trey, Sarah, Mahtab, Kamryn

Week of November 27th: Adam, Taiya, Kiranpreet, Tiana, Lorelei

Week of December 4th: Nathanael, Mostafa, Ali, Alex, Chloe, Alexis

Week of December 11th: Elton, Danica, Sandra, Kayden, Kyle P.

Week of December 18th: Nooren, Caenumon, Naman, Kyle S., Mark
(any absences or make-ups will be this week)

