

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Current Events**

As young adults (and everyone for that matter) it is imperative that you begin/continue to understand events that are taking place around the world. Some of these events may take place far away and impact you and me (it may seem) minimally; others may happen in our 'backyard' and affect you and me a great deal. Regardless, it is essential for us to identify these important events and try and understand their impact on us and our world.

Your mission during this school year will be to identify 4 current events and show your knowledge/understanding of each event. Each student will turn in a total of 4 current events assignments for 25 points each (1 per quarter = 100 points for the school year).

### **What is a current event?**

A current event is a top news story, either on a local, national or world scale. Current events generally fall under one of the following categories: Politics (government), Sports, Weather (natural disasters), Business, Health and Technology.

### **What kind of current event can I use for my assignments?**

Any event that fits into the above categories (answer to what is a current event?)

Except: no murders, no robberies, no single sports games (i.e. Cubs beat the Cardinals 3-1), no strange but true (i.e. 'man grows 500 lb. pumpkin') and no gossip/tabloid news (i.e. Britney Spears, Justin Bieber, etc.). Also, you may not do all 4 assignments from the same category (i.e. Sports, Politics, Business, etc.), you may do a maximum of 2 assignments from the same category. Your current event must have taken place at some point during the current quarter (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter CE must be within August, September or October).

### **When can I turn in each assignment?**

Each assignment is due by the last day of each quarter but can be turned in at any point throughout a quarter.

-Quarter 1 Current Event Assignment Due on or Before **October 12, 2011.**

-Quarter 2 Current Event Assignment Due on or Before **December 9, 2011.**

-Quarter 3 Current Event Assignment Due on or Before **March 2, 2012.**

-Quarter 4 Current Event Assignment Due on or Before **May 9, 2012.**

### **What needs to be included with each assignment?**

1. At least 1 news source (list others if you used more) you used to help gain an understanding of your chosen current event (**i.e. cut out newspaper or magazine article, printed off article from internet or name and date of T.V. news program**).
2. Your completed assignment choice (see list below for possible choices). Does not have to be typed but be sure to follow all directions with your particular assignment choice.
3. Answers to Current Event Questions on backside of this sheet.

### **Where can I look to find current events?**

There is no right or wrong place to look for a good current event. You can watch the nightly news on TV, read a daily newspaper (in print or on-line), flip through a magazine or go to a news website (i.e. cnn.com, bbc.com, etc.)