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**CURRENT EVENTS ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

Keep this in your folder/binder all year!

Due every other week (10 points)

-Odd Day students due on odd weeks (1,3,5, etc.)

-Even Day students due on even weeks (2, 4, 6, etc.)

Extra Credit available for completion on off weeks (5 points)

Present to class on due Friday

-summary of event and its significance (who/what it effects)

Some possible places to find articles:

**Broadcast News with Online Editions**

[CNN American Edition](http://edition.cnn.com/)

[European Edition](http://europe.cnn.com/)

[Asian Edition](http://asia.cnn.com/)

[BBC Online](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[ABC News Online](http://abcnews.go.com/)

[CBS News](http://www.cbsnews.com/)

[Newsweek/MSNBC News](http://www.msnbc.com/news/)   
**Print Newspapers with Web Editions**

[Los Angeles Times](http://www.latimes.com/)

[New York Times on the Web](http://www.nytimes.com/)

[USA Today](http://www.usatoday.com/)

[The Times (London)](http://www.thetimes.co.uk/)

[The Guardian Unlimited](http://www.guardian.co.uk/)   
**Student Editions of the News**

[Scholastic News for Kids](http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/)

[Yahooligans! News](http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/content/news/)

[PBS NewsHour Extra for Students](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/index.html)

[ABC News for Kids](http://abcnews.go.com/abcnews4kids/kids/)

**Newspapers**

Please follow the format found on the back of this sheet

-*italics are an example*

Name

*Mr. Bohler*

Week

*Week 1*

Block

*1E*

MLA Citation (1 point)

Winston, Aaron. *"Syria Airspace Ban for US Airlines." BBC News.* BBC*, 19 Aug. 2014. Web. 19 Aug. 2014.*

Summary of Article IN OWN WORDS (3 points)

4-5 sentences

*The United States government banned their airlines from flying over Syria because of the civil war there. It is too risky to fly planes through Syria because some of the people fighting there have anti-aircraft weapons. Although most airlines had stopped flying already, the destruction of a Malaysian Airlines flight in July made it clear warzones were not something to take lightly. ISIS, one of the groups fighting in Syria, is increasing its numbers through recruitment and has been making progress in the destruction of the Syrian rebel cause.*

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| Who AND HOW are they affected?  (2 points) | Quote as evidence  (1 point) |
| *The people of Syria have been affected by losing their lives and homes. Most of the people there probably know someone who has been killed or have had to move to find a new place to live.* | *“At least 170,000 people, a third of them civilians, have been killed in Syria since the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad began in 2011.”* |

Do you think this article could be biased? Why or why not?

*I think this article is biased against ISIS because if it was written by someone from ISIS they would sound a lot more excited for recruiting over 6,000 people to their side.*

Proper grammar/complete sentences (1 point)

Presentations (1 point)