



Directions for Current Event Extra Credit Assignments

Follow all directions for each extra credit/current event assignment! Each extra credit assignment is worth from $\frac{1}{2}$ to one full credit, depending on the quality of the student work and the credits indicated for each assignment. To earn credit, student work must be legible, show effort and show directions were followed. See Sandy if questions☺

Students may earn $\frac{1}{2}$ credit per week of homework/extra credit for a total of 2.0 credits in a 4-week grading period or 2.5 credits in a 5-week grading period.

Step 1: Access the current event articles and discussion questions from Sandysclass.com. Look for the "[Homework](#)" link from the top navigation bar; choose an article that interests you. Students are encouraged to print, at the end of the class period or during brunch, these "Directions," as well as the article and discussion questions, The "Directions" (per this handout) are the same for each current event assignment.

Step 2: Before reading the article, review the vocabulary and discussion questions.

Step 3: After reading the article:

- a) Either type or clearly write the definition of all vocabulary words listed. Make sure the definition for each vocab word reflects how the word(s) are used in the article.
- b) Either type or write clearly on lined paper your answers to all discussion questions. Include the question in the answer. For example, if the question is, "What color is the sky today?" The correct answer would be, "The color of the sky today is blue."
- c) Write a **one-paragraph summary** of the article. You must include the title of the article in your short, one-paragraph summary. For example, *the article "Teens Let Friends Drive Drunk," is about...*
 - a. Do not plagiarize; write the summary using your own words. If you quote, be sure to use quotation marks to indicate the quote. If you paraphrase, be sure to attribute correctly. See the Purdue Online Writing Lab Web site to learn more:
 - i. About paraphrasing: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/619/1/>
 - ii. About quoting, paraphrasing and summarizing: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/563/1/>

All current event/extra credit assignments are **due on the Monday before the end of the grading period in which you want to earn the extra credit!** To earn credit, student work must be **legible** (if handwritten), the work must **show effort** and the work must show the student followed all "**Directions.**" Student work may be revised and resubmitted for credit if needed.

See Sandy if you have questions or e-mail: sandysclasses@gmail.com

Students are encouraged to complete assignments using Google Docs or MS Word. If students use Google Docs, please "**Share**" with Sandy: sandysclasses@gmail.com