**Global Issues**

**Current Events in the Middle East**

The Middle East has been a center of many global issues in modern times. You will each read articles about newsworthy events taking place in the Middle East and present them to the class. As a class, you will ultimately categorize the current event topics into major focus areas we will cover in class during the Middle East unit. The current events presentations will serve as an excellent resource for our unit on the Middle East.

**Include the following components in a Google Slides presentation:**

**1st Slide:**

* **Article Title**: Type the exact title of the article.
* **Date & Source**: Type the date the article was posted/printed and where you found the article. If it is from a specific news website, include the name of the website and the URL.
* **Location**: Include a map of the Middle East and show where the events described in the article took place.

**2nd Slide**:

* **Summary**: In your own words, summarize the content of the article. This should be 3-5 sentences/bullet-points long.

**3rd Slide**:

* **Dig Deeper (HONORS ONLY)**: Do a bit of additional research about the topic and provide some background to the issue. Summarize your findings in 3-5 sentences/bullet-points AND cite your source(s).

**4th Slide:**

* **Reaction**: Take a position on the issue contained in the article. Mention how you feel about this event. Consider this a personal reflection. There is no right or wrong reaction; I’m just trying to find out your take on the event/issue. I’m not looking for your opinion on whether it is a good or bad article; rather, I want to know your opinion about the issues presented in the article. This should be about 3-5 sentences.

**5th Slide:**

* **Global impact**: Think back to the first days of class when we identified key global issues. How does this event relate to other global issues and/or impact the world?

**Presentation**: You will present your current event to the class in a short 3-5-minute presentation. Read the title of the article, give a brief summary, mention how it connects to global issues, and give your take on the issues in the article. Be prepared for a few questions. If you don’t understand what the article is about, maybe you need to choose a different article OR dig a little deeper to gain more background on the issues so you’ll feel comfortable talking to the class about them. **Do not just read your write-up to the class!** **If you do so, you will not earn all of these points.**

**Web Links for Current News in the Middle East**

**When choosing an article to write-up, make sure you find one that is more than just a news brief. For you to be best prepared for your presentation of the article, you will probably need to do a bit of additional research about what is going on in the article. Some of the links below will provide background info, while others will link to articles you can use. Try to use the most current articles you can find.**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/>

<https://english.alarabiya.net/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/middleeast/index.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/?utm_term=.3f4c50508937>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world/middle_east>

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East>

**Current Events in the Middle East – Honors Rubric**

**Title, Date, Source, Location on Map**: \_\_/1-pt

**Summary**: Summarize the content of the article. 3-5 sentences/bullet-points \_\_/3-pt

**Dig Deeper:** Additional research about the topic & background to the issue. Summarize your findings in 3-5 sentences/bullets; cite your source(s). \_\_/5-pt

**Reaction**: Take a position on the issue contained in the article; about 3-5 sentences. \_\_/3-pt

**Global impact**: How this event relates to other global issues and/or impacts the world? \_\_/3-pt

**Presentation**: You’re expected to do more than simply read from your write-up. \_\_/5-pt

**TOTAL** \_\_/20-pt

**Your write-ups must be typed.**

**Current Events in the Middle East – Rubric (non-Honors)**

**Title, Date, Source, Location on Map**: \_\_/3-pt

**Summary**: Summarize the content of the article. 3-5 sentences/bullet-points \_\_/5-pt

**Reaction**: Take a position on the issue contained in the article; about 3-5 sentences. \_\_/4-pt

**Global impact**: How this event relates to other global issues and/or impacts the world? \_\_/3-pt

**Presentation**: You’re expected to do more than simply read from your write-up. \_\_/5-pt

**TOTAL** \_\_/20-pt

**Your write-ups must be typed.**