

## Current Events Assignment

### Introduction

Our world is becoming a truly global community. Interaction between people, countries and regions is constantly increasing. Globalization is combining economic, technological, socio-cultural, and political forces. Unfortunately, as Americans, we are very US-centric. There are many of events happening around the world that have an impact on our lives and futures. These are events that we need to understand better. This assignment will hopefully be a small step towards getting a better understanding of current events in the regions that we are studying this semester

### The Assignment

The goal of this assignment is to have each student research and submit one current event review for each week of the semester. The submission for the week **MUST** cover one of the regions being discussed that week in class. For example, in the first week of the semester, Europe, Russia and Neighboring Countries, and East Asia are being discussed. Your current events submission for the first week should cover a story from one of these regions. An article from any of the regions covered that week in class is acceptable.

### Submission

For each submission, the student will research and identify an article covering a current event **of relevance** in the region of study. For each article the student will provide an essay submission that includes the following:

- A copy of the article (either hyperlink or actual article itself, depending on the source).
  - If you provide a link, please make sure it works. Links that are not accurate will result in a 10% deduction.
- Summary of the article
  - Introduce the topics in the article and highlight the main points or opinions expressed.
- Description of how the article relates to Geography.
  - How does the article fit in with topics discussed in class or covered in the book? The article may focus on physical or human geography (or the interaction between them).
- To be accepted the printed review must be submitted by the last class period of that week.
- E-mail submissions are not accepted unless previously discusses and permitted by the instructor.

Below are a few sub-categories for physical and human geography:

Physical Geography	Human Geography
Geomorphology (landforms)	Culture
Ecology and the biosphere	Economics
Weathering and Erosion	Politics
Climate	Populations
Biogeography	Human – Environment Interaction