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Participation in Government Period:



CURRENT EVENT FORMAT

In class we will often look at things happening in the news. You may be asked your opinion on these issues by writing a current event summary.

Also, if you are absent you are required to hand in a current event to make up the participation points for that day.

You are to find an article that deals with government or an issue our government faces.

You then write a 2 Paragraph summary:

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| I. Summary |
| II. Opinion |

* The summary should explain what the article is about. A good article will be about a local or federal issue that our country is faced with. A great article will also discuss a government’s response to that issue.
* The opinion paragraph should attempt to evaluate the article, giving your opinion on that particular issue and also the government’s response to that issue.
* Each paragraph must be at least 5-7 sentences!
* Your summary should be typed and have a proper heading.
* You should give a citation for the article you used.

Some ideas...but not limited to:

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| Abortion | Budget and Taxes | Campaign Reform | Crime and Drugs | Education |
| Environment | Euthanasia | Foreign Relations | 1st Amendment | Gay Rights |
| Gun Control | Health Care | Immigration | International Trade | Social Security |

Where to find good articles will be discussed in class!