**Current Event Weekly Assignment (Mrs. Owen)**

You will be responsible for completing a current event article summary or political cartoon analysis that will be due every Friday (if there is no school, then it will be due on Thursday). In order to more successfully contribute to community and society at large, one should be informed on the world’s issues, updates, and changes. Being an informed citizen and discussing current events will give one a better perspective on different points of view and encourage healthy discussion.

**When choosing an article:**

1. Choose a news source (paper or online) and find an article that is current (not more than a week old) and that interests you.
2. A copy of the article must be attached and turned in with your assignment. If it’s an internet source, then the URL, author, and title must be included on your paper.
3. The article can be from the local, state, national or world news, but \*\*\* **NO sports, entertainment, or gossip articles.**\*\*\*
4. Read the article to make sure you understand what it is talking about. Take time to talk about the article with someone at home as this is a good way to make sure you are clear as to what the article is all about.

**Answer the Questions in *complete sentences*, *restating the question* in your answer: *15 points total***

1. WHO is this article about? **(2 pts)**
2. WHAT is this story about? **(2 pts)**
   1. **List *three* important facts from your article. (1 pt each= 3 pts)**
3. WHEN did this story take place? **(2 pts)**
4. WHERE is this event or issue occurring? (Specify city, country, region, etc.) **(2 pts)**
5. WHY is this story important? **(2 pts)**
6. CONNECT the article. What does it have to do with you? Can it be connected to anything we learned or are learning about in class? **(2 pts)**

**When choosing a Political Cartoon:**

1. If a student chooses to analyze a political cartoon, they must find one that is both current and appropriate for school. They may look in magazines, newspapers, or internet news sites to find their cartoons.
2. A copy of the political cartoon ***must be*** turned in with the analysis. If you don’t have a printer, then don’t choose a political cartoon.

**Answer the following questions when analyzing a political cartoon: *15 points total***

1. What’s happening in the cartoon? **(3 pts)**
2. What issue is this cartoon about? **(3 pts)**
3. What do you think is the cartoonist’s opinion on the issue? **(3 pts)**
4. What symbols or objects does the cartoonist include in the cartoon? **(3 pts)**
5. How does the cartoon relate to current events? **(3 pts)**

**\***Students may be asked to share their current event for up to 3 pts extra credit\* **(depending on time)**

**Possible Sources to utilize:** Florida Times Union (Jacksonville.com), NYTimes.com, CNN.com, WashingtonPost.com, MSNBC.com, Foxnews.com, ABCnews.go.com (ensure that all article/cartoons are school appropriate)