

CURRENT EVENTS JOURNAL 2010 – 2011

Each student will be required to keep a journal (120-150 page spiral notebook) of their individual study of current events that relate to U.S. government and politics. You will make a minimum of three journal entries a week (each should be approximately a page in length – one sided, black or blue ink only), and each journal entry will contain the following:

- Title and date the journal entry was written.
- A description of the current event.
- Your analysis of the political impact of the event.
- How the event relates to what you have learned about government and politics in this course.
- The source of your information in MLA format.

Journals will be collected without prior announcement at various times throughout the course. Therefore, you need to bring your journal to class every day. Your journal will be graded (10 points each) on how well you have analyzed the impact of various events on government and politics, as well as the completeness of your journal coverage.

Please note:

Use major newspapers, major news web sites, or weekly news magazines (Ex.: Washington Post, Fox News, Los Angeles Times, Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report).

Vary your topics. Don't discuss the same topic/event over and over again, although it may be valuable to find the same issue discussed on two different sites Fox and LA Times for example. Do they have the same information? Is it reported the same way?