**Dual Credit English Current Events Assignment**

You will use RELIABLE news sources (CNN.com; ABCnews.com; Kentucky.com, etc.)

**YOU WILL FOCUS ON THREE EVENTS:**

-ONE event must be local (pertains to Kentucky)

-ONE event must be national

-ONE event must be international

You should choose articles that address meaningful and serious issues. (NOT Hollywood current events!!) Select a variety of current event topics. Some examples include:

The world political situation

Economic issues

Election issues

Environmental issues

Energy

Climate change

Legislative issues: education, campaigns, etc.

Health care

**FOR EACH EVENT:**

It is suggested you find MULTIPLE sources of information about the same event to compare information and find out as much as possible.

SO: *If I have 3 separate events, and I read 3 articles about each (3X3=9) I WILL HAVE READ AT LEAST 9 TOTAL ARTICLES!*

Complete the following steps **FOR EACH EVENT**:

SO: *If I have 3 separate events, I WILL COMPLETE THIS PROCESS 3 TIMES; ONE FOR EACH EVENT!*

1. Summarize each **event**. Do not simply copy a news article. This is *your understanding based on synthesizing MULTIPLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOPIC.* Explain each event in ***your own words***. **USE AT LEAST HALF A PAGE**. (if it doesn’t take at least half a page to summarize, you need a more substantial event!) Make sure to include WHO the event is about, WHAT the event was about, WHEN the event occurred, WHERE the event occurred, and WHY the event matters/WHY the information is important.
2. List the article title, date, source, and author information for ALL OF THE ARTCILES you read about the event. *Again, I will have at least 3 articles per event!*
3. Answer all of the following reaction questions for ONE of the **articles** you found about your event:

A. Express your opinion about the information in the article. Do you feel the article was one-sided? What are the challenges in solving the issue? Do you see any solutions to the issue?

B. What did you learn from the article?

C. How can the information affect your life? Or, if the information does not affect your life, whose life would it affect, and in what way?

D. How did this make you feel? Why?

E. What else would you like to learn about the topic?

1. If you were going to write a detailed report about the topic covered in the article, what are three questions that you would ask in order to acquire additional relevant information that was not mentioned in the article?
2. Vocabulary: Choose **3 new vocabulary words** (words you didn’t know before reading this article). Record the word, look up and record the definition, then write a new, original sentence containing the word