PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Current Events Journals

Name:

Section:

Directions: Every week (for a total 15) you will complete an entry (about two separate topics) related to current events related to the United States Government.

Example acceptable news sources: AP, BBC, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox News, Local News, NPR, Wall Street Journal
- News Sources need to be alternated (can not have two articles from same source in one week)
    o Video sources may be used from reputable sources with proper citation
- Not Acceptable: Breitbart, Drudge Report, Huffington Post, Infowars, Mother Jones, The Onion

Elements of Each Entry:
- Summary of Article (4-5 Sentences)
    o Possible topics to include:
        ▪ Explicitly be able to explain how issue is governmental issue
        ▪ What does article talk about
        ▪ What are implications of topics from article
- Explanation to a concept related to AP US Government (4-5 sentence)
    o Including explanation of concept (**Can only use topic ONCE**)
    o Discussion on how article relates to concept
- Citation of Article
    o Proper MLA format with link to article included

Current Events Journals Grading Rubric					
	4	3	2	1	0
Summary	4-5 sentence summary given that accurately explains topics discussed in article	Information present, though missing details or explanation	A sentence or two that briefly describes topics, missing important element	Topics attempted to be discussed, though incorrectly or incompletely	No Summary Given
Relation to Concept	Complete discussion that relates article back to specified concept. Concept explained as well.	Discussion includes how topic relates to concept, but needs more explanation. OR concept not explained	Concept is explained but needs to be more fully explained how it is connected to concept.	Concept explained, but not explained how it is connected to article	No Relation paragraph
Citation	Professional MLA, APA, or Chicago, citation complete with link. Articles from different sources.	Most of information provided but missing some elements (including link)	Link given plus some additional information denoting authorship	Link to citation given	No Citation Given