**Current Event Blog (45 points per entry)**

Every student will be required to maintain a current event blog. Students will be required to post one article every other week. Postings will be checked on Monday mornings at 7:00 AM starting on August 24th. Students will pick an article that is directly relevant to the curriculum from the last two weeks of class.

We will be using kidblog for our current event blog:

* [kidblog.org/mr-kuluris-1a-government](http://kidblog.org/class/mr-kuluris-1a-government)
* [kidblog.org/mr-kuluris-2a-government-class](http://kidblog.org/class/mr-kuluris-2a-government-class)
* [kidblog.org/mr-kuluris-4a-government-class](http://kidblog.org/class/mr-kuluris-4a-government-class)

Requirements:

* You must provide the headline, the article titles and the electronic link to the article.
* The Article must have been published within the last 60 days
* Article must be from an acceptable mainstream news source. Acceptable sources are listed below. If you find an article outside these sources check with me first. [[1]](#footnote-1)
* The post must be at least 125 words (under this will result in zero points)
* The post must summarize the important events of the article, explain what you feel is important and *directly* link it to the last two weeks curriculum

Rubric: 45 Points (informal)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Article is from a mainstream publication and was published within the last 60 days: **10 points**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** The title, publication and a hyperlink are provided: **5 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ An accurate summary of the article is provided which cites at least 3 specific details from the article: **15 points (5 point per detail)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**The article is explicitly linked to class curriculum: **10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A Personal reflection is provided (1 sentence is sufficient): **5 points**

1. Acceptable Sources: *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal, Arizona Republic, AZ Daily Sun (make sure the article is relevant), Newsweek*, *Time*, *The Economist, NPR, or Marketplace.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)