**Current Events for Civics & Economics and World History**

**Directions:** It is important for all students to be aware of what is going on within our country and across the globe. Students also need to develop the necessary public speaking skills that they will use throughout their high school career and beyond. Because of this, students will present current events on a regular basis. Every other week you will need to find a current event (news story), from a credible news source, to share with the class. It cannot be more than a month old, sports and celebrity gossip do not count and you may only use CNN 2 times! You will need to be prepared to give a brief 60 second explanation of your event (in your own words) as well as your opinion in front of the class every other Friday. Students do not need to write anything down to turn in, but they may if it will help them to remember their event as long as they do not read directly from it. You will also need to tell us where you found your information. Choose something that you are able to understand, remember that you have to explain it, and that you find interesting.

**Important:** You need to come to class with your assignment already prepared and completed. Students are expected to be respectful of their peers during current events. Therefore, any student who is not paying attention, talking, sleeping, or acting inappropriately while someone else is presenting will have points taken off of their current event grade.

**World History Students**: Your event needs to discuss something that has happened outside of the United States because this is a world history class.

**Civics Students:** Your event may discuss something from anywhere around the world including the U.S. However, this is a class that focuses on the United States so it is preferred that your current event discusses something happening within our country. Local news will not be allowed.

**Grading:** Current events are worth 10 points. Anyone who does not do a current event, cheats, or makes their story up will receive a 0 and will not be able to make it up. Only students who were absent will be able to make up their current event.