

Social Studies Hot News Guidelines

What is it?

Once a trimester each student must complete a “Hot News” presentation and write up. You must find a newspaper article (could be online) from a credible source. The article must be current (within the last month) and about a “relevant topic”. There is flexibility in the choice of article, but we must stay away from sports, crime, entertainment, and gossip articles. Political, business, technology and science articles are usually the best ones. If you are not sure about an article ask.

What do I do with the article?

Your task is to analyze the article.

Begin by summarizing the article and simply understanding its meaning.

You should then try to understand why the author wrote the article. Is the author trying to convince you of something? Is the author simply reporting the news?

Next, you will determine if the author presents any bias. Does the author present the whole story or one side? What kind of words does the author use that demonstrates bias?

You must type and submit a one page write up based on all the analysis you did above. Typed, double spaced, 12pt font Arial or Times New Roman.

What do I present?

You present your findings. You do not need to make any visual for your presentation, but you can. You do not have to read your paper word for word. The presentation is informal and just letting your classmates know what you found interesting about the article and what you think the author’s purpose was. It should be short.

What do I turn in?

You will turn in your typed write up and a copy of the article you analyzed.