

Incoming 9th Grade AICE General Paper Summer Assignment

The following assignments should be completed during summer break – prior to the '23-'24 school year:

1. On a weekly basis, watch a major news network or visit their website to learn about current events here in the US, as well as internationally. You can use a variety of sources; just make sure that they are credible, and they can be referenced.
2. Each week write a paragraph explaining one thing happening in the world. This should follow a journal style entry, including the date and news source used. You should aim to write about 4-6 sentences per paragraph and have a minimum of 10 entries from various sources. **Do NOT** rely on the same news source each week.
3. Choose one of the events and complete additional research outside of what is presented from that news source.
 - a. Using the brief research you have completed on your topic:
 - i. Write an introductory research paper on that topic. The paper should provide a brief explanation about the topic.
 - ii. No more than 500 words
 - iii. 12-point font; Times New Roman
 - iv. MLA or APA style (whichever you are used to)
4. Come to class with your journal entry paragraphs and introductory research paper the first week of school. Be prepared to discuss and present your findings in class.

News Source Ideas (Of course you have CNN, FOX News, and MSNBC but these may help you think outside the U.S.):

- BBC <http://www.bbcworld.com> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice>
International websites from the London based BBC.
- Aljazeera <http://english.aljazeera.net/>
Qatar based international news and current affairs channel.
- New York Times <http://www.nytimes.com>
News and opinion from serious US publication.
- The Times <http://www.timesonline.co.uk>
Serious UK newspaper. The Guardian and Independent sometimes give alternative views.

- Daily Mail <http://www.dailymail.co.uk>
Can be a very good source of arguments which include a lot of rhetorical and emotional tricks.
- Mail and Guardian <http://www.mg.co.za>
South African news and opinion.
- New Zealand Herald <http://www.nzherald.co.nz>
New Zealand perspective on news.
- Straits Times <http://www.straitstimes.com>
News from Singapore.
- Jakarta Post <http://www.thejakartapost.com>
Asian view from Indonesia.
- Bangkok Post <http://www.bangkokpost.com/news>
News from Thailand.
- New Straits Times <http://www.nst.com.my>
Malaysian source.
- Pakistan Dawn <http://www.dawn.com>
View from Pakistan.
- Asia Times <http://www.atimes.com>
Hong Kong based.
- Times of India <http://www.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/>
From India. Useful comment and blogs.
- China Daily <http://www.chinadaily.com/cn/opinion>
From China, with a very Chinese perspective.

Note: Feel free to contact me with any questions or clarification needed throughout the summer. See you in August, Freshmen!!

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