

World Cultures - Current Events Scrapbook

For this project, you will make a news scrapbook of current events over the summer. You will start it this summer, and will add to it throughout your sixth grade year. When it is completed, it will become a slice of history that identifies many news topics that happened during this time in your life. It is surprising how interesting a book like this will be after a few years when you take it off the shelf and look at it again!

Making a current events scrapbook is fun if you put your own creativity into it (you may add color, drawings or pictures as you choose). Select news stories that interest you or that you think will become important points in history. Some general **news categories** that you may wish to investigate are:

- A. Scientific discoveries, inventions,
- B. Unusual or severe weather
- C. Wars ,riots, demonstrations
- D. Peace talks and the latest weapon development
- E. Social issues
- F. World leaders and their policies
- G. Significant court cases or decisions
- H. Popular fads and fashions
- I. Medical advancements or breakthroughs
- J. Special events and/or people

Good News Outlets for Kids:

- A. The Newspaper!
- B. <http://www.timeforkids.com/news>
- C. <http://www.dogonews.com/>
- D. <http://tweentribune.com/>
- E. <http://magazines.scholastic.com/>
- F. Other news outlets like www.cnn.com or www.bbc.com are great with parent supervision!

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Choose **3 total stories** from the summer (you may still get an A if you choose to work on 3, choose 4 if you would like a challenge!)
- B. Cut and glue the article on a blank page in your notebook (you may choose to watch or listen to a news story - you **MUST** include a web address where this story can be found **AND** a picture that is associated with the story)
- C. In 3-5 sentences summarize the article (main idea of the article)
- D. In 3-5 sentences write your reaction to the news story: Why is this important? Do you agree or disagree with the people or decisions in this story? What did you learn from this story?
- E. Make sure the title of the story, author, date and source are on the page
- F. Articles must be in chronological order.
- G. Number the pages in your book.
- H. Think of a name or title for your scrapbook.

*I recommend working in small portions throughout the summer. If you are going traveling or to camp, you may want to work ahead or plan to work on it after your travels. Event dates must be between May 27th, 2017 and August 22, 2017

You should also design an attractive or eye-catching cover for your book. Put glue carefully on the back of clipped articles so that it doesn't cause pages to stick together. Put your BEST EFFORT into your work so that it's worth doing.