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***AP Current Event Project: Partner:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Begin Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Turn this cover sheet in with your Packet Project Due:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

 ***Presentation Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

* In partners, students will choose an event that occurs between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (turn this event in to March). Then track its development for roughly one month, until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Events should be school and age appropriate and not selected for their shock value. **Related topics and issues should NOT repeat information covered by other students unless significant developments occur AFTER another group has presented.** Students who exercise poor judgment will not be allowed to present until they either reframe their selected topic to meet the guidelines, or select another topic and redo the assignment- either situation will result in a 25% penalty as class time has been allotted and being unprepared affects everyone.

**Turn in Packet 1 wk before presentation:**

Synopsis (independently):

* Meets all requirements

demonstrates detailed understanding and thoughtfulness \_\_\_\_/25

Works Cited (independently):

* All articles \_\_\_\_\_/10
* Complete citations (below) \_\_\_\_\_/10
* Formatting \_\_\_\_\_/5

Pg 1 of all Articles: (independently):

* Reputable \_\_\_\_/5
* Varied \_\_\_\_/5
* Quantity \_\_\_\_/10

(spread over 1 month)

Graded at time of Presentation

(w/ partner):

* Explanation \_\_\_\_\_/20
* Answering \_\_\_\_\_/10

Questions

Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100

\*grades included only in semester presented

* The order for selecting due dates will be drawn randomly. A list of topics will be maintained. Every pair will need to submit their topic by the end of the first week of their date “window” to prevent duplication.
* Gather several newspaper or magazine articles you find dealing with your event and the related topics or issues published within your date window and appearing in print or online sources (minimum 5 articles from different sources). Choosing a variety of ‘treatments’ will enhance your understanding. *For instance, straight news articles present the facts, where as columnists or letters to the editor often shed light on how the event is perceived and on what the possible outcomes or consequences will be for different elements of society. The broader you cast your net, the better informed and able to formulate an opinion you will become. (Wikepedia, pro/com, ask.com, study.com type entries are* ***not*** *acceptable.)*
* Clip or print copies (at least the first page) of the articles (actual web page, news clipping, etc.- no screen shots, please.) and organize them chronologically **(you will turn these in).** Be sure to use reputable sources and compile citation information for each article into a **works cited** to be submitted with your synopsis. **(see requirements below)**
* **Synopsis:** At the end of one month write a summary that explains the important details of the event, what you learned, how the information or knowledge about this topic changed over time and what the future implications or possibilities are for this topic. The final paragraph should include your opinion on the topic, how it has changed while following the event/ topic and what you think should be done. ***(This will be turned in the week BEFORE you present for teacher review/ approval. Be sure this cover sheet is attached!)***
* Be prepared to share your event/ topic with the class in a brief presentation; you should have a visual and be able to answer logical questions that may arise. (5 minutes max)
* Some of these respected sources are a good starting point: The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Newsweek, The New Yorker, CNN, FOX News, The Guardian and Time. (They all have bias, so beware!)

\*Works cited: Create complete citations with the Author. Title. Publication. Date published. Date accessed. URL. (in **THIS** order). This should be MLA format which includes: 12 pt font, double spaced, 1”margins, hanging indent, alphabetical order. Easybib works well, IF you check it carefully. TheOwlatPurdue is a better resource as it is considered the online authority for current MLA.