

## Current Event Assignment: Essay format.

- For this assignment you are to write at least 2 pages typed, double spaced, and 12 font of Times New Roman. Hit CTRL + 2 at the beginning of your paper to double space.
- I will provide you with a current event. You are to find and read at least three articles about it. You can search through Google, or you can use my portaportal and link to some of the main news websites.
- Once you read the articles, you are to demonstrate that you have complete understanding of the event. You are to use your own words at all times. For your outline, follow these guidelines:
  - First paragraph: what is the event? What happened? Explain in detail and answer all of the questions: who, what, when, where, why and how.
  - Next, give some history behind your event. What are some factors that may have led up to this event? Think about who or what is involved (a company, a country, individuals), in this case, maybe talk a little about the history of earthquakes and tsunamis, and the destruction they cause. Were there factors involved (weather, nature, laws, etc) that were made or happened years ago that led through a chain of events up to this event happening? Specifically, here, you need to talk about the nuclear powerplant, and whether the design or location was faulty, are there other plants at risk
  - Finally, write a paragraph about why this event is important. Who will it impact? You will have to think about this. What will happen? You will have to think about everyone involved, what their role is, and what they might have to do to change things. Who will be impacted by this event? (HINT: EVERYONE IN THE WORLD IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.)
- Your current event is the **Tsunami and Earthquake in Japan**. Some helpful questions to get your mind thinking:
  - WHAT HAPPENED?
  - HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WHY?
  - What damage was there? Deaths?
  - What is being done to rebuild, recover and fix or change things?
  - What are the dangers around the nuclear plant meltdown?
  - Who was in charge of the plant, and what is being done to prevent environmental damage? What will happen to the environment?
  - What has happened to other places where Tsunamis struck (Indonesia 2004)?
  - If businesses in Japan shut down, what happens to the world's supply chain: be specific, what products and who are affected?
- Make sure your essay is clear, and is presented as a report. I have provided a general outline for writing an essay on my QUIA page. Feel free to print it out, and use it as a guide in writing your essay.
- Keep these in mind. The following rubric is going to be your guide for your grade.

	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20
Explained the event in detail	In little detail	In some detail	Fulfilled task	Exceeded task
Analyzed and explained the history behind the event.	In little detail	In some detail	Fulfilled task	Exceeded task
Discussed the impact of the event on the future.	In little detail	In some detail	Fulfilled task	Exceeded task
Spelling and Grammar	10+ mistakes	8-10 mistakes	4-8 mistakes	1-3 mistakes
Showed a clear understanding of the event, its causes, and its impact, and related it in a clear and coherent manner.	Not clear that student understands event and/or related material.	Student demonstrated some understanding of the event.	Student delivered a clear understanding.	Student displayed a clear understanding, and offered his/her own insight into the issues involved.