

A Political Scrapbook



The purpose of this assignment is to...

- ...keep you in tune with major political issues as the semester progresses,
- ...be able to offer fact and opinion to classroom discussions, and
- ...use as a resource of information for ISPs.

The format of the assignment is to include...

- ...the original article with key ideas highlighted, and
- ...a paragraph-long insightful commentary on the topic.

The articles are to be...

- ...dated and sourced,
- ...of a variety of types such as news stories, opinion pieces, political cartoons, journal articles, and
- ...no less than 25 in number, including no more than 10 of any one type of article.

The final submission is to be...

- ...typed,
- ...creative and neat,
- ...bound in a duotang, binder, or presentation folder,
- ...include a table of contents, and
- ...grouped by similarly themed articles (by issue or by geography or by some other grouping).

The evaluation of the journal will include...

- ...10 marks for appropriate binding, grouping of articles, and table of contents,
- ...10 marks for creativity, neatness, and overall appearance,
- ...10 marks for appropriate highlighting and sourcing of the original articles,
- ...20 marks for clear and concise commentaries,
- ...a grand total of 100 marks due on the last regular school day in May.
- ...a preliminary submission at the end of March to ensure progress is being made (i.e. half of the assignment must be completed at this time).

To aid you in this assignment, you are expected to read newspapers, listen to the news on the radio, or watch the news on the television on a regular basis. Each day's class will begin with an overview to the day's political events - brought to you by yourself and your classmates.

In addition to the above assignment, each student will knowledgeably discuss at least 10 different news items over the course of the semester (bring in a news clipping, discuss stories seen on the television or heard on the radio, etc.)

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Appropriate Highlighting & Sourcing of Articles	Both are done to perfection	Both are done.	One component is missing or incomplete.	One missing and the other incomplete.	Highlighting and sourcing not done.
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