

Current Events

Having an understanding of current events is critical to understanding government. These events may be international, national, regional, and/or local. As a result all students will be expected to have a daily routine that ensures that they are familiar with what is going on in the world around them. Mr. Busby will review a number of sources at the beginning of the school year and many of them are linked to the AP Government homepage of his website. Students must be prepared to present to the class on a daily basis. Mr. Busby will call on 1-5 students each class period to present to the class. Students will not know in advance which day they may be called upon and so need to be ready to present each class period. Each student will be called upon multiple times each semester.

When called upon, the student will be expected to present a current event to the class. The presentation should be 2-3 minutes. The student will not be allowed to present on a topic that has been previously covered in that class (including earlier that day). The student should be prepared to answer questions. If the class has no questions, Mr. Busby will ask questions. Students aren't expected to know everything, but they should know the who, what, where, when, how in addition to knowing their sources and how this event connects to Government/Economics.

Not all topics covered in media are appropriate current events. Celebrity gossip, viral cat videos, and sports highlights are fun but not what this assignment is looking for. Appropriate topics should connect to the curriculum of the Government and/or Economics course.

Students will be graded on the relevance of the topic to the course, command of subject matter, quality of presentation, use of government vocabulary, and ability to answer questions posed. Each presentation is worth 25 points.