

Current Events - Freshmen Seminar

You will give a current events report to the class. This may be a Power Point or you may use any other presentation program, as long as it is compatible with the classroom projector. Your slides should be pictures, with little or no text. Your report is to be between 10 and 15 minutes and must include a printed outline & bibliography (three sources per person minimum). You may bring note cards, but you may not read directly from news articles. Grading will be based on the standards set forth on the "Proper Oral Presentations Techniques" handout on Mr. Busby's website. Grading will be based on a combination of group and individual performance. Presentations should be coordinated between students in the group.

You will sign up for your group and time on the Google Doc that Mr. Busby has linked on the Freshmen Seminar page of his website. You will be given time in class to get into groups and work on your projects. Current event topics are not just yesterday's news, but ongoing issues that affect us all. Topics may include subjects like education, the environment, new and proposed legislation, foreign affairs, and local subjects as well. You want to be careful to ensure your subject isn't too broad ("The Environment") and isn't too specific ("The straw I found outside my house"). Mr. Busby will confirm your presentation topic and date/time with you.

Presentations Checklist

- We have a plan! (outline is complete in advance)
- We've done research! (bibliography is complete in advance)
- Our technology works! (we've tested it in class)
- Our timing works! (we've practiced our presentation together)
- This is going to be fun! (Freshmen Seminar is always fun)