

Social Studies 9

Current Events Unit



As a student of history, you are responsible for being current of today's political, economic and geographical issues. This current events unit will help you explore regional, national and global issues. Everything that happens today becomes history and has a definite consequence on our future. It is not only important to acknowledge and understand matters that directly affect us, but it is also important to examine changes that are happening in other countries. Only then can we make decisions about what we want for our future based on what we have found to be successful in the past.

SCRAPBOOK: This is a 4 week unit with weekly deadlines.

Materials: A scrapbook, 3-ring binder, coiled notebook, or duo-tang.

You are required to compile a Current Events scrapbook which meets the following 5 criteria:

1. Divided into four sections: local news, provincial (B.C.) news, national news and international news.
2. One news item is to be collected each week. Overall, 4 items will be required as follows:
 - a) Local News -1 item
 - b) Provincial News -1 item
 - c) National News -1 item
 - d) International News -1 item
3. For each news item you must include:
 - a) A newspaper or magazine clipping (or online source printout)
 - b) Name of paper/magazine and date published
 - c) A well-written reflection (minimum of twelve sentences) as outlined below.
4. **REFLECTIONS:** Your 14 news item reflections must answer these questions:
 - Where did the event or issue happen?
 - When did the event or issue happen?
 - Who are the major parties involved?
 - What is the conflict/issue/event being discussed?
 - Why did the conflict/issue/event arise?
 - How would you resolve this conflict or issue? or How do you personally feel about it?



NOTE: International news items reflections must answer the first 5 questions, plus the following two questions:

- How does the issue/event/conflict affect us as Canadians?
 - Does Canada or our media seem to favour a certain party? Why? Or in what way?
5. **MAPS:** You will be given a map of the World.
 - a. It is to be kept in the appropriate section of your scrapbook/binder/duo-tang.
 - b. For each news item, you are to locate the place name on the map where the issue/conflict/event occurred.
 - c. A legend indicating which news story accompanies each place name is also required.

