**Weekly News Updates**

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**DUE EVERY MONDAY!**

Your task:

Read **two** different current news articles about the same topic. The topic MUST relate to civics or government in some way. The articles should be neutral (not biased or one-sided) and should be factual (*not* an opinion piece—we’ll be looking at those later). Choose a debatable or controversial issue that you have an opinion on. The wiki has links to good sites to find articles. Ideas:

* An article about a new law or court decision
* An article about the upcoming election
* An article about what the government is doing in terms of the environment, job creation, taxes, the national debt, the economy, foreign policy, wars, health care, immigration, social issues like abortion or same-sex marriage—anything you can think of!
* US involvement with other countries
* Local town or state issues
* Citizens protesting or exercising their rights in some way

…and I’m sure you can think of more!

Write a 1-2 pg. typed (double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font) opinion piece responding to the articles. You should take a clear stance/position on an issue raised by the articles. Then, you need to support your position with at least **one** argument from the articles and **two** pieces of evidence to support the argument. Include in your response the title and source of each article. Finally, be persuasive!

To help you organize: Remember ICE!

**I:** Issue/question raised by the articles:

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Your position/stance:

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**C:** Your main argument (reason) to support your position:

1. **Textual** evidence for this argument (hint: use quotes, statistics, etc.):

2. Evidence for this argument:

**E:** To wrap up, persuasively explain how the evidence supports your opinion.