Current Events Portfolio

Each student will prepare a notebook that contains 10 different entries. These entries will challenge the student to apply the concepts learned in the 5 Themes of Geography to the “real world”. You will use all 5 themes. Your portfolio will include two entries for each theme.

A summary of each entry in paragraph form is required. Every summary MUST include (1) an explanation of the entry (include specific information on who, what, where, when and why/how, (2) an explanation of the theme expressed in the entry, (3) a clear statement of how the two relate to each other, and (4) an evaluation of whether the entry has a positive or negative effect on society. Each summary should include enough information about both the entry and the concept/principle to assess the student’s understanding of them.

News Articles: Your completed notebook must contain at least 2 newspaper articles, each relating to a different theme. Each article must be accompanied by the name of the newspaper, date of publication, and section/page number (if applicable) in MLA format. Articles must be at least three paragraphs long. For online news articles, simply print the article and cite it. Articles clipped from newspapers, should be taped (not glued) to a sheet of blank paper.

Cartoons: Your completed notebook must contain at least 2 cartoons, each relating to a different theme. The print out should include the required data (source, date, etc.) Cartoon clippings from newspapers and magazines should be taped (not glued) to a blank sheet of paper. Make sure to write the source, date, section, and page number on the top of the page in MLA format.

Editorials (or Opinion): Your portfolio must contain at least 2 editorials, each relating to a different theme. Editorials clipped form newspapers and magazines should be taped (not glued) to a blank sheet of paper. Make sure to either tape or write the source, date, and page number on the top of the page in MLA format.

You should strive to complete 2-3 entries each week. Keep completed entries in your binder so that they can be monitored by your teacher weekly.

Assembly of Portfolio: Make sure to include your name, period, and due date. Create a table of contents for the entries. Put all entries and summaries in order by theme. Turn in portfolio by the due date. Students absent on the due date are required to turn in the project on time. Either turn in the project early or make sure you have it delivered to school before the end of school.

Geography Themes – You will need 2 different types of entries for each theme.
Place
Human Interaction with the Environment
Location
Movement
Region

Due: ____________________________
Current Events Portfolio Check List

Use the following check list to track the progress of your portfolio. Check off an item after you have located the source AND completed the summary. Remember, you need two entries for EACH theme and the sources must be different. (You can’t have two cartoons) Happy hunting!

Place:

_____ News Article (source/title/date) ________________________________________
_____ Cartoon (source/title/date) ____________________________________________
_____ Editorial (source/title/date) ___________________________________________

Human Interaction with the Environment:

_____ News Article (source/title/date) ________________________________________
_____ Cartoon (source/title/date) ____________________________________________
_____ Editorial (source/title/date) ___________________________________________

Location:

_____ News Article (source/title/date) ________________________________________
_____ Cartoon (source/title/date) ____________________________________________
_____ Editorial (source/title/date) ___________________________________________

Movement:

_____ News Article (source/title/date) ________________________________________
_____ Cartoon (source/title/date) ____________________________________________
_____ Editorial (source/title/date) ___________________________________________

Region:

_____ News Article (source/title/date) ________________________________________
_____ Cartoon (source/title/date) ____________________________________________
_____ Editorial (source/title/date) ___________________________________________

_____ Table of Contents
_____ Name/date/period on portfolio