# Weekly World News

## Basic Description:

* This is a weekly assignment that will start in August and continue through May.
* Each week ALL students will participate in this assignment.
* The weekly points that can be earned are 20.
* Students will take turns each week either as an “Original Poster” or a “Replier.” A schedule will be provided for students to know which “job” they have each week.

## Original Posting:

* Three or four students will have this job per week.
  + You must find an article online about a WORLD news event.
  + You will create a discussion thread on the class wikispace in which you:
    - Provide a link to the chosen article
    - Write a summary paragraph of the article, in your own words, approximately 150 words in length
      * Read the article, think about what it says, then write a clear paragraph that explains what the article is all about.
      * Proofread to make sure your summary makes sense and that it is grammatically correct.
    - Write a reaction/response paragraph to the article, approximately 250 words in length
      * Think about the event and why it is important and share that in your paragraph
      * Think about your feelings regarding the article and how it matters to you or the world around you.
      * Proofread to make sure your reaction makes sense and that it is grammatically correct.

## Replying:

* The remaining students, not assigned to do an original posting for that week, will have this job.
  + You must reply to two of the discussion threads.
  + Each reply must be at least 100 words long.
    - Replies should be written in your own words
    - Replies should share insights and thoughts
    - Replies should be proofread to be sure they make sense and to check that they are grammatically correct.

## Article Selection:

* Articles should meet the following standards:
  + Current—it should have been published online within the last week
  + Significant—if should be an event of importance, something that could possibly be in future history books
  + Interesting—it should be something we will want to read
  + Credible—it should come from a known and reputable news source
  + In-depth—it should be an article of a significant length, not just a short paragraph

## Deadlines:

* The semester schedule will be posted on the wikispaces page.
* Original postings must be done by the end of the day (11:59 pm) of the due date (usually Tuesdays)
* Replies must be done by Thursday (11:59 pm) of the same week.

## Grading:

* Each week 20 points are available per student
* Original postings are graded out of a total of 20 points for how interesting the article is, how effective the summary is, and how meaningful the reaction/response is.
* Students replying can earn up to 10 points per reply for a total of 20 points for how insightful the reply is.
* All students will be held accountable for spelling, grammar, and online etiquette.

## Late Assignments:

* If you miss posting by the assigned time, you can still post late and receive ½ credit for the week.
* If the week you missed has already been locked, YOU CAN POST AN ORIGINAL POSTING to make up for whatever you missed (an original posting or replies) DURING THE NEXT WEEK. After the second week, the points cannot be made up. You must also be sure to do the assignment for the current week.
* For any assignment done late, no more than 10/20 points can be earned, but remember that ½ credit is better than no credit.