



8th Grade Social Studies

Summer Work Part I

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Tracking Our World

In 8th grade we spend the large majority of our time looking at parts of our world outside of the United States. Throughout the summer, keep track of some of the major events going on throughout the world using the chart below. In the boxes, list what the event is, where it occurred and then your personal reaction. **You may choose one of these events to find an article for your current event in Part II if you would like.**

What happened?	Where at?	Your reaction?
Example: A soccer star in Brazil told the media that people should not come to the Olympics in Rio this year because of problems in Rio, such as violence.	Example: Rio de Janiero, Brazil	Example: It would be a shame for the Olympics to be surrounded by controversies, but it may be too dangerous to hold them there. Maybe something can be done to make it safer.



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World Cultures Current Events Analysis Guide

For this summer, you are responsible for completing ONE current event
(follow the format below)

Please type your answers on a Google Doc. You should have two solid paragraphs.

Font – Times New Roman / Double Spaced / Size 12

Your event should be from somewhere outside of the United States

Paragraph 1 = Comprehension:

1. What is the main idea of this article??
2. Who is involved?? (what countries? what groups of people? etc)
3. What happened? (Provide examples of key events, important quotes, tell me enough so that I know what happened without actually reading the article)
4. When/Where did it happen??
5. Why/How did it happen?? (what caused it)

Paragraph 2 = Analysis:

6. How does this event affect the country and/or citizens of the country in which it happened??
7. What does this article tell you about the culture (values, beliefs or practices) in that country?
8. What is your overall opinion of this article??
9. How, might this article affect you or your country (America)? (Find a way to relate it to our country.
Our world is connected!)
10. Find a way make a connection between this article and something that you have learned about in another social studies class (or any other class)

At the very end, add a **thought provoking** question at the end OR a **quote that relates** to the theme/topic of the article



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If you could travel to any **country** in the world, where would you travel to?

Why would you choose to go there?

Research and list 3 interesting facts about that country:

1)

2)

3)

(Continued)



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In the box below, draw and color a picture that represents the country you chose (it does not need to be a masterpiece, but show your effort).