**Current Events Reflection**

Your article topic must be on one of the following:

1) Spending/Debt

2) Guns Control/Violence

3) Illinois Politics

4) War on Terror/ Crisis in Europe /ISIL

5) Immigration

6) Raising the Min. Wage

7) Elections of 2016

8) Individual Rights and Liberties

9) Education

The purpose of this assignment is to have you reflect on a political events that relates to recent events in our nation. You need to find and analyze a current event article from a news source that is from September – December 2015.

**Source guidelines:**

1. Newspapers: *Chicago Tribune, Sun Times, Daily Herald, Naperville Sun, Washington Post, New York Times*

2. News Weeklies/Political Monthly: *Newsweek, US News & World Report, Time, The Nation, National Review, Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, The New Yorker, The Week*

3. Credible Online Sources: *for example: CNN, BBC, FOX NEWS (look for political news stories)*

**Reflection guidelines:**

1. Summarize the article in **eight or more sentences**. Make sure to include information on why this story is important to our state and nation. If there is a problem, make sure it is clearly explained.
2. Briefly state in **3-4 sentences** how this **article connects** to a classroom topic: forms of government, principles of the constitution, federalism, liberal vs conservatives, Bill of Rights, etc.
3. Write a short opinion about the article. This should be a minimal of **six sentences**. Consider the following prompts in your response:

+What is your solution to the problem? Provide details.

+What actions should the government take or not take? Explain.

+Do agree with the author’s point of view? Explain.

+Does a family member agree or disagree with your opinions on the subject? Explain.

**Begin typing your reflection on the back…**

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**Title of the article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of the article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Source of the article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Media Bias: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (How might the source of this new article affect the content?)**

**Reflection:**

**\*\* Don’t forget to attach the article you read to this reflection.**