

AP European History Current Event Activity

Purpose:

The purpose of the activity is to examine the current stories happening in Europe each week.

Directions:

Each Friday one student from the class will present a current event that they have located during the week. I will provide internet sites that are helpful, but it is up to you to find the article. There will be a tentative schedule given so the student knows the exact date they are presenting.

What you need:

You must find an article dealing with Europe that examines current European politics, economy, culture, etc. We do not need to know about the Liverpool upset of Manchester United over the past weekend, fascinating no doubt. You must have an original copy of the article and a summary of your thoughts about the article. For example, a possible article might be about the Russian invasion of Georgia (yes, it is a country in Eastern Europe just above Turkey and Armenia, and not the state next to us).

Your summary should give a brief synopsis about the article, but more importantly your opinions, reactions, thoughts about the article. The second part of the activity will consist of a short (no more than 5 min.) presentation to the class about your article.

Grade: A perfect 20 - point score must include the following:

- ✓ Have an article that is significant to European politics, culture, society, economy, etc. - 5 points
- ✓ Have a detailed summary that gives a synopsis of the article, but has the student's view as the focus of writing
- ✓ Have a presentation that summarizes the article and has the student's opinion of the article voiced - 5 points
- ✓ Be typed and turned in on time - 5 points

Here are some helpful sites:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/europe/default.stm>

<http://www.europe.eu/>

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/europe/>

<http://www.euronews.net/>