**Current Events (Due the first day of class)**

To begin to create a foundation of examples and ideas to support the arguments you will be asked to make, you need to read reputable newspaper, (or news magazine) articles. Read newspaper/magazine web-based articles from *The New York Times, The New Yorker, Huffington Post, The Guardian, New York Times Magazine, The Economist, Time, Newsweek,* or weeklies of similar quality.  **You will need to read a total of 10 articles over the summer. Choose articles that relate to current global, national and local events. You must have at least two of each (Global, National, Local).**

**Requirements:**

1. **Create a running word document in Office 365. If you don’t know how to do this, instructions can be found on the Summer Reading Website.**
2. **Copy and paste the table below into the Office 365 document.**
3. **The table will need to identify the following:**
   1. **Global/National/Local**
   2. **URL**
   3. **Author**
   4. **Title of Article**
   5. **Magazine/Newspaper Name, Date, page number/s**
4. **State the main points or claims.**
5. **SOAPSTONE the article.**
6. **Provide your response to the article. Do you agree/disagree? Explain your response.**
7. **Be sure to click “share” in the top right corner of your document.**

**Here is an example on the topic of oil prices about an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.**

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| Global/National/Local | Global |
| URL | http://www.sharonlbegley.com/why-we-risk-oil-spill-to-get-cheap-energy |
| Author | Begley, Sharon. |
| Title of the Article | “How Quickly We Forget*.”* |
| Newspaper Name, Date, Page #s, | *Newsweek*, 7 May 2016, p. 24-29 |
| Main Points/Claims | 1. The author cited previous oil spills like the Exxon Valdez near Alaska in 1989, but notes that after a period of public outrage, the public goes back to normal life with no changes. 2. Previous public apathy is shown by the quick return to normalcy after pandemic warnings about avian and swine flu. |
| Subject | Oil spills and their effects |
| Occasion | The recent spill in the Gulf of Mexico |
| Audience | American public |
| Purpose | To keep public from becoming more accepting of the inevitability of oil spills |
| Tone | Indignant/Frustrated |
| My Response | I agree that oil spills and other natural disasters draw public attentions and sympathy for a time, but that public attention is quickly drawn to the next sensational story without much real action. |