

International Relations 2009
 Contemporary Affairs Reporting Guidelines

Working in groups of two, you will be assigned an area and each week one of you will report to the group on what we “need to know” (we will switch for A week and B week). For each presentation plan to prepare a one page written summary to hand in. Focus on 2 (at the most 3) issues currently facing your area. Do not give solely background information, but look to integrate and analyze the information.

Based on the groups’ reporting, in-class quizzes will include themes presented. I will average out your grades from the papers, presentations and the quizzes for this portion of your quarter grade.

Guidelines:

1. You will be responsible for a weekly report on a country and its neighbors throughout the semester. You should use a variety of sources to locate contemporary information. The library has a website with suggestions: <http://www.castilleja.org/page.cfm?p=939445> or use BBC, CNN or even local country websites.
2. Photocopy or bring your resources with you if possible
3. In organizing your presentation, imagine yourself to be an advisor to the president. What does he “need” to know? Be specific.
4. Observe the following when presenting:
 - a. Use the board, a laptop, or handout for major ideas, vocabulary or names (the room has web access)
 - b. Show geographical locations on the room’s map (have your classmates star their maps)
 - c. Be sure you know your source and its date
 - d. Choose 2-3 factual items that your classmates will be responsible for learning (I will use these on quizzes)
 - e. Conclude with a connection to a larger theme
 - f. Keep presentations to 5 min
 - g. Provide me with a copy

Areas:	Students A Week	B week
India/Pakistan		
South America		
Central America		
EU and Britain		
Israel/Palestine		
Iraq/Middle East		
Russia/former USSR		
China/Korea/Japan		
Africa		
South East Asia		

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India/Pakistan

South America/Central America

European Union and Britain

Israel/Palestine

Iraq and Middle East

Russia and former Soviet Republics

China/Korea/Japan

South East Asia

Africa