

**Assignment choices: You may choose between article analysis for current/ economic issues OR journal entry.**

**OPTION #1: If choosing the article analysis complete 2 current event and 2 economic article analysis for each week. Directions for both article analysis are listed below.**

### **CURRENT ISSUE ANALYSIS**

**Directions** – Using a newspaper, magazine article, Internet source, or any other government or business document, **AND** additional outside information, analyze a current issue that has local, state, national political interest. Be sure to explain the level of “citizen participation” (if any) that has characterized the process of “public policy development.”

1. Describe in detail the issue affecting society (state in the form of a question). Be sure to use relevant factual information from the articles.
2. Describe the public policy that was developed (or proposed) to address the issue. Examine any competing public policy proposals that have been offered
3. Explain in detail at least **one** major effect on society that has occurred (or will occur) as a result of any government involvement regarding this issue. You must clearly demonstrate the cause-effect relationship that exists.
4. Describe one specific consequence that has affected (or will affect) the individual citizen as a result of any government involvement in this issue [how has the individual’s life been changed?].
5. Describe the level of “citizen participation” that occurred in the development of public policy regarding this issue. If there was little or no citizen participation, explain the reasons why.
6. In your opinion, how should citizens become involved in the development of public policy regarding this issue?

### **ECONOMIC ISSUE ANALYSIS**

**Directions** – Using a newspaper, magazine article, Internet source, or any other government or business document, **AND** additional outside information, analyze a current economic issue that has local, state, national, or international significance. Be sure to answer the following questions directly, make certain to distinguish between “**causes**” and “**effects**.”

1. Describe in detail the economic trend that is currently affecting society or is predicted to soon be affecting society. Is this condition local, regional, national, or

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international in its scope?

2. Discuss the historical development of this economic trend, and identify its critical elements.

3. Explain in detail the identified or perceived causes of this economic trend. How will society be affected (positively or negatively) if this economic trend continues for the long run?

4. Describe one specific consequence that is affecting or will affect the individual citizen due to this economic trend. How are people adjusting or will adjust to this trend?

5. In your opinion, what do you recommend as an appropriate **individual response** to this economic trend?

6. Should there be any government reaction to this economic trend? Is this trend a result of any public policy that was enacted to adjust economic performance? What should be the proper role of government regarding this particular trend over the long run?

### **OPTION #2: Journal Entry Assignment:**

**With our current situation we are all part of history. Create a primary source journal for each day we are away from school due to social distancing. If you choose this assignment, you need one journal entry per day (5 per week).**

Here are some things to consider writing about:

- Your family's trip to the grocery store and "stocking up"
- Cancelled family vacations, cancelled field trips, cancelled school
- How weird it is to have to "e-learn"?
- How are you occupying your time?
- How do you feel about this? psyched that you don't have to come to school? bored? worried? bummed that you won't get to see your friends?
- What is changing for you because of this?
- What kinds of things are your families thinking/saying/doing?
  - What is your "must have" if you are going to be cooped up inside for awhile?
  - What are your "binge watch" recommendations?
  - Where is your new "desk"?
  - What is the #1 concern you have about what is going on right now?
  - What is a small way in which your life has changed right now?
  - What mattered to you a few days or a week ago that now seems irrelevant? Vice versa?

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