

“LAST WEEK TODAY”

Current Events Project

You and a partner will be responsible for recapping one week’s worth of notable news from both the US and internationally in front of the class. Each pair will create a slideshow presentation with photos and video(s) to summarize that week’s major news stories. You will then need to pose 2-3 thoughtful discussion questions to the class and lead a short discussion over that topic(s).



Your slideshow must include the following:

- 1) Title page with your names and the dates of the week upon which you are reporting
- 2) 1 local news story (Bend or Central Oregon)
- 3) 2-3 news stories that have to do with the United States
- 4) 1-2 news stories from outside the United States
- 5) Each story must include:
 - a) a relevant photo (or video*)
 - b) 1-2 sentence summary of the news article
 - c) Link to news source

* You may include 1-2 short (less than 2 min) video news clips instead of a photo but please limit this to 2-3 news stories maximum

- 6) A final slide with 2-3 thoughtful discussion questions based on the stories you shared plus a short reflection on your own confirmation bias while you were working on your presentation

50 Points possible which will be based on:

- 1) The quality of the presentation as a whole (looks good, has all the required pieces, etc.)
- 2) Your presentation of the information (was it obvious that you read the articles and put in time and effort)
- 3) Thoughtful research (did you use trusted news sources, were these important stories, etc.)
- 4) Discussion (did you help guide the discussion in a meaningful way)

Report of the last week’s news will be on Monday or Tuesday, whichever day the first class period of the week falls on. See sign-up sheet for presentation days.

When trying to find news sources, this chart can help guide whether that particular source's viewpoint tends to skew in an extreme liberal or conservative direction and which news sources report more opinion versus less biased news.

