

Overview

The following is a sample assignment designed for use in a 14-week college introductory global studies or international relations course. It is designed to be a supplementary assignment, alongside weekly readings, lectures, and discussions. It will help students to see how the topics they are covering in class connect to current events and their daily lives.

Assignment

Each week of class, choose one of the following modules from the “Global Era Issues” and “How the World Works . . . and Sometimes Doesn’t” units of World101. Find a news story from a reputable source about one of the topics covered in the module. By the end of the week, submit both a complete citation for the news story and approximately 250 words explaining how the news story relates to the issue from the World101 module, and how the issue affects you or your community.

Global Era Issues: <https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues>

1. Globalization
2. Terrorism
3. Nuclear Proliferation
4. Climate Change
5. Migration
6. Cyberspace and Cybersecurity
7. Global Health
8. Trade
9. Monetary Policy and Currencies
10. Development

How the World Works . . . and Sometimes

Doesn’t: <https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt>

11. Building Blocks
12. Forms of Government
13. Global Governance
14. Conflict