

MR. DEVITA'S WEEKLY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Purpose: To make students aware of domestic and international current events and issues. One of our *responsibilities* as citizens of the United States of America is to be informed about national and international matters.

MEDIA ASSIGNMENT – POLITICAL SHOWS

Analyzing Political TV Shows

Once a week you are to watch an episode of a politically involved TV show. Most broadcasts last an hour, but some are only on for 30 minutes. Every week you will hand in a Current Events Sheet that details the episodes you have watched.

Most shows air during the week in the evening, or on Sunday mornings. Below are listed some of the shows I would *recommend* to watch and their network. You are not limited to this list.

O'Reilly Factor – FOX NEWS (ch. 26) Mon-Fri, 8:00 PM, and again at 11:00 PM.
Hannity and Colmes – FOX NEWS (ch. 26) Mon-Fri, 9:00 PM.
Neil Cavuto – FOX NEWS (ch. 26) Mon-Fri, 4:00 PM. (economic \$ issues)
McLaughlin Group** – NBC (ch. 4) Sun,* 11:30 AM.
Meet the Press – NBC (ch. 4) Sun, 10:30 AM.

HOW MANY ARE DUE AND WHEN?

8 of these homework assignments are due per quarter. They are to be handed in on the last day of the school week (usually Friday, but not always).

PRINT ASSIGNMENT – POLITICAL CARTOONS

Analyzing a Political Cartoon

Everyday in newspaper and magazine opinion sections across America (and the world) artists draw cartoons about current events. During the week you will be responsible for obtaining one political cartoon (national or international) and analyzing it. You will use a *Political Cartoon Analysis Sheet* to identify or explain: the source (where did you find it); the issue and/or person the artist is drawing about; the message the artist is *trying* to convey (usually negative); and whether or not you agree with the artist's interpretation of the issue.

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TO GET COPIES OF THE CURRENT EVENTS SHEET, GO TO:

<http://mrdevita.bismarckslounge.com/government/government.html>

* Please be aware, sometimes the Sunday morning shows are preempted by sports events. You are still responsible for completing your quota of HW assignments for the quarter.

** Mr. DeVita's all time favorite show. :)