

Ms. Parr

Advanced Placement Comparative Government and Politics  
2009-2010 Summer Assignment

Data Collection

1. This course examines the nations of Great Britain, China, Russia/the former Soviet Union, Mexico and Nigeria.
2. You are to find five news stories about each of these nations over the summer, for a total of 25 stories altogether.
3. Stories may be from the internet, magazines, or newspapers from anywhere in the world. You may NOT summarize a story you heard on television.
4. No two stories about the same nation can come from the same week. This means that you have to find stories from at least five different weeks between now and the start of school.

Organization

1. Your stories must have been reported in the year 2009. It is fine if they come from earlier in the year.
2. Your stories must be arranged in chronological order of reporting and by nation.
2. All stories should include a date, a headline, and a source.

Discussion

1. You do not have to write anything for these stories—there are no summaries required.
2. You do have to have a passing knowledge about what has been going on in each nation for the last several months.
3. You should be able to explain a general summary of your impressions of each country in a graded class discussion.
4. These discussions will occur during the first week of school.
5. These articles are due the first day of class. (the first day of the second semester)

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