

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Government & Economics -Semester Class Blog & Journal w/ Google's Blogger-

**The Assignment:** Your task for this assignment, which will be an ongoing project for the rest of the semester, will be for students to build and maintain an ongoing class blog on news, current events, and historical discussions from our look at state and local history. Students will be asked to post to their blog twice a week; in-class discussions will not count towards this requirement.



### **What is the purpose of this assignment?**

- As stated in your course syllabus, the purpose of these blogs is to try and foster some more independent thought and encourage you as the student to express more of an open dialogue about the topics and issues we will be discussing in this course.

### **How will this assignment be graded?**

- Links to your Blogger site will be collected twice during the course (at the halfway point of the semester and at the end of the semester) for grading purposes through Schoology; comments & feedback will be provided through digital rubrics on Schoology.

### **What do I have to do for this assignment?**

1. You must locate a current news story from a legitimate news source that has some kind of impact on Pennsylvania, Lancaster County, or the Elizabethtown area. Stories should be within the last two (2) weeks.
2. Complete a write-up of the article using the assigned format
3. Post your article write-up to your Google Blogger site.
4. Participate in in-class discussions of current news stories both from peers and Mr. H and be prepared for end of week quizzes on assigned weeks.
5. Be sure to make up any in-class entries or posted that you may have missed from class.



### **How do I set up my digital journal?**

1. Go to [Blogger.com](https://www.blogger.com)
2. Click the "Create Your Own Blog" button
3. Sign in with your etownstudents.org Google account
4. Follow the onscreen prompts to create your online journal
5. Title Suggestion = 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Gov Class Journal
6. URL Suggestion = Last name Class Journal
7. Click the "Create blog!" button to finalize your Journal

## How do I create a Current Event posting to my blog?

1. Log into your Blogger account
2. Click the NEW POST icon in the lower-right hand corner to develop a new entry for your journal
3. Be sure to title your post at the top-center of your screen
4. Current Event entries should follow the assigned format below:

**Title:** Title of your Entry

**Body:**

Overview of your news story as well as your own personal thoughts on the story itself (good, bad, etc.) This should be about a paragraph in length, but can be longer if desired (500 – 800 words):

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**Multimedia Options**

- Article Link: Please include a live link to your story somewhere in your posting
- Images = can be uploaded from web (link) or your device (file); please include a description
- Video = can be included via a media link (YouTube preferred)
- Feel free to explore and experiment with some of the other multimedia options as well.

5. Be sure to click the SAVE button in the upper-right handy corner periodically as you work; to make your entries live for all to see, click the PUBLISH button right next to the SAVE button. You can also preview your work with Blogger's PREVIEW button as well.

