**Feedback Form for Current Event Assignments**

**CS 454 Signature Project, Spring 2026**

Report Author:

Current Event Title:

Feedback from:

Assignment URL: <https://blue.cs.sonoma.edu/~hwalker/courses/454-sonoma.sp26/signature-project.php#current-event-req>

To be effective, a current-events report must have solid content, and that content must be presented well. Thus, for CS 454, grading of the Current Event assignment involves both content and writing. In providing feedback to the author, be sure to include 3 or more sentences to answer each of the questions on this form.

**Content**

I**ntroduction:** To what extent does the Introduction identify the topic, perhaps provide some context, and indicate the structure (e.g., the main topics and their order) for the rest of the report?

**Report Body**

To what extent is the news story clearly and thoroughly presented?

In addition to describing the news story, this assignment requires discussion of at least four themes. What themes are presented, does the report include at least a full paragraph on each theme, and does that discussion provide reasonable depth (beyond just stating the obvious)?

**Conclusions**

To what extent does the report contain a conclusion or identify directions for further consideration?

**Presentation/Writing**

**Quotations and Citation**

Does the report provide a full reference to the news story, including author, title, where published, date, and sufficient information for a reader to locate the story? (The full reference should be in a separate “Reference(s)” section at the end.)

Does the report contain two quotes, are the quotes clearly identified (e.g., with quotation marks), and is there a proper in-text citation for each quote?

**Writing**

To what extent is the report logically organized into paragraphs or groups of paragraphs?

To what extent are the paragraphs coherent? That is, to what extent does each paragraph have a clear theme or topic?

To what extent would the writing be easy to understand and follow for those in the target audience (e.g., CS 215 students)?

To what extent is the writing reasonably efficient? That is, to what extent is the writing focused, saying enough for to explain the content, but without having numerous unnecessary words or phrases? (For example, do most sentences use active verbs?)

**Summary**

Identify two of the best features of this current-events report.

Give at least two ***constructive*** suggestions that could help improve this report.