CURRENT EVENTS WORKSHEET
DATE DUE: ______

Directions: Find an article either in a newspaper, magazine or online from a reliable news source, Time.com, USA Today, The New York Times, etc., or any other reputable national or local source. Read the article and fill out the statements or answer the questions below (in complete sentences). You may not use articles on entertainment, gossip or sports. Please find and read about important issues in our world today. Because this is a current events assignment you are to choose an article that is no more than a week old from when the assignment is given. Read the grading rubric at the end of the worksheet to complete all the requirements for this assignment (for best chances for high scores).

Topic of Article: _____________________________________________________________________

Title of Article: _________________________________________________________________

Source: __________________________________________________________________________

WHO is this article about? _____________________________________________________________________

WHAT is this story about? List four important facts from your article.

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WHEN did this story take place?

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WHERE is this event or issue occurring? (Specify city, country, region, etc.)

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WHY is this story important?

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CONNECT the article. What does it have to do with you? Can it be connected to anything we
learned or are learning about in class?

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Grading will be based on the following rubric:

10 – Entire Current Event assignment displays the following requirements for each question/statement above:

   a. Demonstrates thoughtfulness, preparation, and accuracy.
   b. Reflects real understanding of the story and the issues.
   c. Follows directions.
   d. Is complete, neat, and includes detailed source information.
   e. Asks and answers a provocative (for discussion purposes) question.

8 – Current Event assignment is complete but lacks 2 of the above requirements.

6 – Current Event assignment lacks 3 of the requirements.

4 – Current Event assignment lacks 4 of the requirements.

(*Please note: in between number scores at Mr. McGuire’s discretion)