

Africa in the News

1. Research & Reading. Carefully select and read 2 *substantial* news articles about a recent issue, event, or development in an African nation. Select a topic that strongly engages your interest. While political and economic issues often dominate the news, feel free to explore broader cultural topics as well, including art, music, popular culture, education, and lifestyles.

2. Guiding Questions. As you read, on a separate sheet of paper, jot *notes* responding to the following questions:

- What is most important to understand about this topic/event?
- What facts and ideas are most noteworthy or interesting?
- How does this information relate to what you already know of Africa?
- What questions do you still have about what you have read?
- How does this topic connect with other issues?

3. Summary & Reflection. Write a 1 to 2 page typewritten **Summary & Reflection Paper** in which you:

- Briefly introduce the background and context of your issue.
- Briefly summarize the articles in your own words (no more than 2 ¶s).
- Explain why you chose this topic and why the ideas are significant.
- State your own views on the main issue or event.
- Include appropriate MLA citations for your sources.

4. Presentation. Deliver a 2 - 3 minute presentation on the most significant aspects of your topic. Incorporate 3 or 4 Google Slides in your presentation. Be sure to include a map of the relevant African nation or region.

Some Suggested Africa News Sources

- **Exploring Africa:** <http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/news/>
- **All Africa:** <http://allafrica.com/>
- **africanews:** <http://www.africanews.com/>
- **The New York Times:** <https://www.nytimes.com/section/world/africa>
- **The Washington Post:** <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/>
- **Christian Science Monitor:** <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Africa>

Deadlines: Presentations will begin on **Friday, February 8th** and continue according to the assigned schedule. Reflection & Summary papers are due on the date of your presentation. Please speak with Mr. Kaufman *before* finalizing your topic selection so as to avoid repetition of topics.