Current Events Project

By now you have chosen your topic and should be researching and/or writing your paper. Remember that your topic must an issue that involves at least two different world regions. If the primary focus is on only one region, you must be able to relate the issue to another world region. You must also be able to relate the issue to one or more geography topics that are/will be covered in class and/or in your textbook.

The written component will comprise a 5-10 page paper plus complete bibliography and graphics (maps, graphs/charts, photos, etc.). **You must include at least 1 map illustrating some aspect of your topic.** You may either draw the map yourself or incorporate a copy or image of a published map; be sure to cite the sources you use in either case.

Your paper must be typed, double-spaced using 1” margins and a font size no larger than 12 pt. Be sure to proofread for spelling and grammar (get help with this, if necessary; don’t rely only on you word-processor’s spelling and grammar-checkers, as they can’t catch everything).

Be careful not to represent someone else’s words or ideas as your own; this is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism can be avoided by using internal citations (Author, Year, Page #) at the ends of relevant sentences and listing all sources in a bibliography. For more information on citing your sources, see [http://www.geog.psu.edu/courses/geog100/biblio.html](http://www.geog.psu.edu/courses/geog100/biblio.html).

You should consult the following excerpts from Joe Schall’s *Style for Students*, available at [http://www.ems.psu.edu/~schall/Style.html](http://www.ems.psu.edu/~schall/Style.html), for tips on:

- Essays and Term Papers
- Sound Paragraphing
- Using Active Verbs
- Equations, Figures, and Tables
- Citing Sources Effectively

More detailed information on writing a research paper is available from Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab at [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/index.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/workshops/hypertext/ResearchW/index.html)

For info on CCP’s online tutoring, visit [http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/learn_lab/OtherRes/Online%20English%20Tutoring.htm](http://faculty.ccp.edu/dept/learn_lab/OtherRes/Online%20English%20Tutoring.htm)

**Remaining Due Dates:**

- **April 12** outline or first draft and bibliography due in class
- **April 26** oral overviews in class
- **April 28** final project due in class