**Rubrics for Contemporary World Issues**

**Discussions/Participation**

**5- All my electronics are away.  I use facts to back up my opinions.  I raise my hand 2+ times during class.  I listen to others and can offer feedback.  I am present in the discussion and not in outside discussions.  I am engaged and everyone knows it.**

**4- I use facts to back up my opinions more than 50% of the time.  I raise my hand 1-2+ times during the class.  I listen to others and can offer feedback. I am present in the discussion though I may not speak up every day, most days I am bringing something to the discussion.**

**3- I participate some of the time but struggle using facts to back up my opinions.  I raise my hand and am involved in the discussion for the most part but I do get distracted by my phone or I am involved in other conversations.**

**2-1- I really never discuss any of my opinions.  I have a hard time listening to other people’s opinions.  I constantly am on my phone.  When I do discuss I rarely use facts and do not add much to the class discussion.**

**Journals**

**5-  My journals are typed and I have chosen at least 3 entries to share.  I have expanded on my thoughts through evidence, outside resources, or discussions.  My thoughts are unique to me and I can clearly describe my thought process during the unit.**

**4-  My journals are typed and I have chosen at least 3 entries to share.  For the most part (⅔) of my entries are tied back to evidence, sources, and discussions.  My thoughts are unique but I struggle to describe my thought process.**

**3-  My journals are typed but I have only shared 2 entries.  I struggle to use evidence, sources, or discussions from class.  My thoughts piggy-back on other classmates and I do not really describe my thought process.**

**2-1- My journals are not typed but I have shared 1-2 entries.  I don’t use any evidence, sources, or discussions from class.  My thoughts are clearly someone else’s and I do not describe my thought process.**

**Current Events**

**5- Current events are typed and you have chosen a legitimate news article.  Your current event includes all three parts (summary, history, and analysis).  Clearly you have used individual thought in the analysis portion that is based on the information you have gathered through the history portion. At least 1 in text citation. APA style.**

**4- Current events are typed and you have chosen a legitimate news article.  Your current event includes all three parts (summary, history, and analysis). You have a solid history portion but fail to really include it in your analysis portion. At least 1 in text citation. APA style.**

**3- Current events are typed and you have chosen a legitimate news article.  Your current event includes only two parts (summary and analysis).  Your analysis portion is more based on opinion than on fact. Missing APA or in text citation.**

**2-1- Current events are typed but you have not chosen a legitimate news article.  Your current event does not include all three parts (summary, history, and analysis). You only do the summary.  No references.**