AP & US Government Current Event Assignment

Purpose: Students will become more informed citizens by reading and summarizing current news articles, and sharing them with their classmates. Students will be more familiar with hard news sources and credible journalism.

Directions: Each student will **summarize an article each week** and **re-post it on Twitter using our class account**.

Posting:

* All summaries have to be within the character limit (one post only) and also include a **hash tag with your first and last name**. You will not receive credit otherwise. Nicknames or initials are unacceptable.
* Your summary may not mirror the title of the article, but must be in your own words using no helping/be verbs and including SAT level vocabulary. **Please read and re-read your brief summary before posting.** Your summary must to the best of your ability provide as much detail as possible about the article in order to give your classmates and other followers as much information without having to click on it for more. **Your summary should not be reflective of your opinion, but reflective of your source.**
* You may only use approved hard news sources. Opinion posts/retweets are unacceptable and will be deleted.
* You must differentiate your tweets by using different sources weekly. For example, you may not retweet and summarize from ABC News more than once per month. You will not receive credit for using repetitive sources.
* You may not post an article someone has already posted. You may tweet about a similar story, but only to include additional information or a different perspective.
* Your posts are representative of both Mrs. Lacks and Broadwater Academy as the account is tied to her work email. **The level of trust and expectation of professionalism is high**.
* If any posts on our account receives comments, you are not permitted to reply, nor are you permitted to make any comments using @bausgov.

Submission: In order to efficiently collaborate, students will be assigned a day of the week to post. **All posts are due no later than 11:59pm on the day you are assigned**.

Account Information: Our Twitter account will be used to follow and post hard news only. Mrs. Lacks will choose which organizations the class follows, but is open to student input. Any student who either follows an organization not approved by Mrs. Lacks, or posts news that Mrs. Lacks deems inappropriate, will lose the ability to post each week, and will receive a weekly written assignment to present to the class instead. Again, this account is reflective of Broadwater Academy. Opinionated posts will not be tolerated.

Please note that the Twitter account will be public so anyone who looks up your name online will see your posts, including college admissions officers and future employers.

(Turn to back for account information.)

**Twitter handle: @bausgov**

**Password: classof2020**

**Grade: Writing Assignment (one per month; four posts per grade) – except October (3 posts)**

**Start date: Monday, October 7th**

**End Date: April 30th**