

7th/8th Extra Credit Opportunity (Quarter 4)

*** ALL STUDENTS MAY COMPLETE EXTRA CREDIT

8th Grade: For this quarter, you will have the opportunity to do up to **two** “Current Events Reports” that are worth *up to* 15 points each. One of these can be applied to your Quiz/Tests grade, and the other can go towards your Homework grade. **Extra Credit is due no later than Monday, May 21st.**

7th Grade: For this quarter, you may complete up to **three** “Current Event Reports” for *up to* 15 points each added to your final grade. See me if you have any questions. **Extra Credit is due no later than Monday, May 21st.**

Current Event Report Instructions:

- Find an article in the newspaper or online that has to do with a current event in a Spanish-speaking country. Feel free to run it by me if you're unsure. Many news websites will have a section on Latin America and the Caribbean. Here's the BBC's website, to give **an example**:

http://www.bbc.com/news/world/latin_america

- You must print the article, and do the following:

1. Underline or highlight important phrases or ideas in the article. Also make sure to highlight or underline sentences that explain the “who, what, when, where and why” of the article. Underline at least 2 words you are unfamiliar with and write their definitions in the margin.

2. Write one paragraph of 8-10 lines that summarizes the article in your own words and tells me why you think the current event is important. If a problem is presented, does the article also talk about solutions? Write about your opinion of the article. What is the author's purpose in writing the article and do you agree with them? Comment on anything else you think is relevant.

3. Finally, choose 5 words from the article and translate them to Spanish. You can include these at the end of your paragraph. Use your physical Spanish-English dictionary or use a good website like wordreference.com to find the translations. Make sure you know the context of the English word so you can find an appropriate definition.

4. Staple your paragraph/word definitions to the printed article. Make sure your name is on the assignment and turn it in by **May 21st, 2018.**