

Assignment 6: Current Events, Student Choice

Student learning outcomes:

1. Students will create a web page on their own, individually (not in groups).
2. Students will create a web page about a current events topic of their own choice.
3. Students will use appropriate fonts, styles, colors, layout, organization, and headings to convey the information.
4. Students will use images to help convey the information, not just for the sake of having an image.
5. Students will research and topic and include only high-quality information about that topic.

Real world applications:

1. Students will demonstrate awareness of the world around them and write about it. This could be the first step toward a college essay or even a career in journalism. Designers are expected to lay out pages or whole sites about topics that may not even interest them. In this case, the students get to choose the topic, even if they are allowed to find the information elsewhere.
2. Students will research a topic and find pertinent information. This applies to almost all the classes they take, but research skills are important in almost any job too.

Assignment requirements:

- Create a single web page that has information, headings to break up the information, images to enhance the comprehension of the information, readable fonts, and suitable colors.
- The web page should be about one screen full of information when the page is sized to about 8.5 x 11 inches. More information is ok, but more than two pages of information is too much.
- Topics might include any of those the students brought up previous in class. These include many topics that relate directly to students and schools:
 - Drug abuse
 - Smoking
 - Gun violence
 - Mental health issues such as depression and anxiety
 - Physical health issues and first aid
 - Miranda rights of students
 - Dealing with refugees
 - EL learners
 - Other topics?
- It is ok for the page will include information derived from other sources.
 - These should be reliable sources, such as government web sites or known medical web sites.
 - The information must be properly attributed.
- The page should consist of information but not opinion, rants, or emotional political statements.
 - We discourage posting information obtained from blogs.
- The page will use colors, fonts, images, and layout that enhance the readability and user comprehension of the information.