

## LAS NOTICIAS

Throughout the rest of the school year, we will dedicate the first part of Thursdays to news, or *noticias*. You will be assigned a Thursday to share an article of interest to you with the class. It must be related to a Spanish-speaking country or the Latino population in the U.S. The topic of the article may be about language, culture, politics, current events, etc.

There will be a list passed around where you will sign up for a Thursday. Please write that date in your assignment notebook. Each Monday I will write the names of the students going that Thursday on the board. This sheet will be available in the classroom; when it is your turn, make sure to pick one up.

There are both written and verbal components to the assignment:

• **Written component:** Please turn in a **typed one-page double-spaced paper** on the day of your presentation. In English, write a summary of the article in your own words. Also write why you chose the article, how you were affected by reading it, and/or what you learned. At the bottom, write 3 questions accompanied by the answers. To answer the questions, students should have to pay attention to your presentation. In other words, without hearing your presentation, students would not be able to answer the questions. Do not only ask questions that require one-word answers (i.e. How many...? What is the name of...?). Be sure to ask at least one question that elicits more than one word for an answer.

• **Verbal component:** Give a summary of the article in your own words to the class. You may use your article and/or written summary to help you, but do not read either of them. Conclude by asking your three questions.

**Sources:** You may find the article in a newspaper, magazine, or website. Below are some reputable websites.

<a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk">http://news.bbc.co.uk</a>	Click on "Americas" or "Europe" (for Spain)
<a href="http://www.nytimes.com">www.nytimes.com</a>	Click on "World"
<a href="http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/">http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/</a>	Click on "Americas" or "Europe" (for Spain)

**This will count as a 10-point homework grade and will be applied to 4th quarter.**

\_\_\_\_\_/2 **Quality of the article:** The article is appropriate for school, recent (within the past week), from a reputable source, of importance to the class, and related to a Spanish-speaking country or the Latino population in the U.S. Please provide a link to your article in your paper. Do not print it out for me, as that will waste paper.

\_\_\_\_\_/5 **Written component** (see description above)

\_\_\_\_\_/3 **Verbal component** (see description above): It should be evident that you have rehearsed. Do not read directly from your summary or article.

\_\_\_\_\_/10 **TOTAL**

You will also receive a 3-point homework grade for having your assignment ready on time.