

Current Events Paper

The Assignment:

You will select a news article (local, national, or international) *published in the last year* that pertains to a social issue or life stage that we have discussed (or will discuss) in this course.

Your ~2-3 double-spaced pages (not including cover page or reference page) will:

- Include a summary of the article (provide a citation)
- Include an explanation of the social issue at play in the article and which stage of the life course it most primarily affects
- Integrate at least one reference from the assigned readings, podcasts, or videos for the week on that life stage

This paper provides you with an opportunity to practice following APA 7 guidelines. Your paper should follow APA 7 formatting (double-spaced, 1" margins, etc.) and should include 1) a cover page, 2) in-text citations, and 3) a reference page.

The Rubric:

<i>Summary of article, with citation</i> Student provide clear, accurate, concise summary of news article. Student captures key details and paraphrases effectively, with correct APA citation.	0-5
<i>Explanation of social issue/trend & life stage primarily affected</i> Student clearly identifies and explains the social issue, as well as the life stage primarily affected.	0-7
<i>Connection to/application of readings, with citation</i> Student draws meaningful connections to at least one assigned reading/podcast/video in a way that strengthens the argument/analysis, with correct APA citation.	0-5
<i>Technical accuracy (edited for clarity, grammar, APA 7 formatting)</i> Student's writing is clear, well-organized and free of typos and errors. Paper is aligned with APA 7 standards (cover page, reference page, in-text citations, formatting).	0-3