

## **CURRENT EVENTS REPORT**

*The goal of this period is to get your 'feet wet' and begin to explore some of the world issues currently in the news. To get you started in the wide range of topics covered in the course and the diversity of themes visit the following website:*

*<http://www.globalissues.org/>*

*Take some time exploring the site on the 'Home' page. We will be using this site extensively this year.*

### **ACTIVITY 1 Article Summary**

Click on 'World News' in the black topic bar at the top of the home page. On the right hand side is a box that contains News Topics.

Your task is to read one new item from each of the topic areas listed: ***Environmental News, Geopolitics, Health Issues, Human Rights and Trade and the Economy.***

*For each of the articles:*

- 1. Record the title, source, author and date*
- 2. Summarize the main ideas and supporting ideas presented in the article.*
- 3. Be sure to mention the 'stakeholders' ...that is, who are the people who are concerned or involved in the story.*
- 4. Identify the location of the story, including the **scope** and scale of the story.*
- 5. Explain why your article's story is tied to a world issue.*
- 6. Comment on why you feel this is important to you.*

*Print your summaries and add it to your notes.*

### **ACTIVITY 2 World Issues List**

Navigate back to the home page and make a list of the world issue topics that are presented on this page, and other pages linked to the home page.

Once your list is compiled, rank the list according to your personal interests and concerns.? This should be a comprehensive list of topics. Why did you chose your number one topic area

### **ACTIVITY 3 Sharing session**

*Next day we will have a sharing session of the articles that you have researched.*

*Be prepared to share your favourite news story with the class and your personal topic area of interest and why you chose it.*