Assignment Two: What in the world is going on?

Being an informed citizen is the first step toward your development as a purposeful and active citizen. This assignment will allow you to explore a current events news topic of your choice and to present it to the class.

1. Read or watch the news (newspaper, Internet, TV, etc.).

2. Select one news story of interest to you. The event may be local (Ottawa), national (Canada) or global. You may want to find an article that relates to the rights and duties of citizens or a group/individual displaying good or bas citizenship.

3. Prepare a written summary of your news story to use during your presentation. Remember, your summary should be much shorter than the actual article/story! Use the organizer on the back of this page to organize your ideas.

4. Prepare a 2-3 minute presentation to the class. You may wish to show the link to your story or a relevant photo or news video/You Tube clip.

5. Prepare two discussion questions about the news story to ask the class and lead a brief class discussion about the event.

Marking Checklist:

A1. Political Inquiry: use the political inquiry process and the concepts of political thinking when investigating issues, events, and developments of civic importance	**/10**
C2. Inclusion and Participation: assess ways in which people express their perspectives on issues of civic importance and how various perspectives, beliefs, and values are recognized and represented in communities in Canada.	**/10**
C3. Personal Action on Civic Issues: analyse a civic issue of personal interest and develop a plan of action to address it.	**/10**

MY PRESENTATION DATE: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Using your article or news clip, fill in the chart below:

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	
How?	
Why is this important?	
How does this event affect others?	
What additional information do you need to further understand?	
Two discussion questions to encourage class discussion	

Student Name: _____ Date: _____