

# Foreign Event Analysis

International Politics

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Throughout the semester, several events will take place in the world that will have a significant impact on the region and the world. One important skill to be learned is to be able to take an event, analyze that event, and draw implications for future actions from it.

## Assignment

On the course website, there is a link titled “Foreign Event Analysis,” which will take you to a listing of all current Foreign Event Analyses. Clicking on the appropriate link on that page will take you to the submission page (remember to be logged in to the website).

On that page, you need to select a perspective from which to analyze the event, submit a title for the event, briefly summarize the event, analyze the event from the selected perspective, select the location of the event, and provide *two* links to relevant newspaper articles. Your submission will be immediately posted to the web site.

Neither newspaper can be from a US-based corporation. One newspaper must be from the region (preferably the same state) in which the event took place. The other must be from outside that region. Thus, an Israeli who bombs a Jerusalem mosque would require a newspaper from the Middle East (hopefully Israel) and a newspaper from outside the Middle East. I will give a point extra credit for using foreign-language newspapers (for both sources) as long as I am convinced that you are able to translate that language at an introductory level.

## Grading

Your grade for these will be based on grammar, correctness, and depth of thought with regard to the analysis: What caused this event to occur, and what will be the result of this event on the region/world? Perfect submissions will receive five points. Anything less than perfect will be worth four points at most (extra credit notwithstanding).

In terms of depth of thought, clarity, and bringing in outside information:

- Summary section: 1 points
- Analysis section: 4 points

From this base:

- Incorrect or missing element: -1 point
- A few writing errors: -1 point
- Many writing errors: -2 points
- Each bad link: -2 points
- A single incorrect fact: -3 points
- More than one incorrect fact: -5 points