

News Analysis

Points Possible 15

Criteria	Achievement Level			
	Achievement Level 1	Achievement Level 2	Achievement Level 3	Achievement Level 4
Article summary • Main point of the article is clearly stated • Summary accurately reflects the content of the article	3 points 3 points	2.01 points 2 points	0.99 points 1 point	0 points 0 points
Phenomenon description • Relevant phenomenon of political life is clearly identified • Description uses terms drawn from the course materials • Description adds contextual information	3 points 3 points	2.01 points 2 points	0.99 points 1 point	0 points 0 points
Explanation • Explanation for the phenomenon observed is clearly presented • Explanation uses terms	3 points 3 points	2.01 points 2 points	0.99 points 1 point	0 points 0 points

<p>drawn from the course materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation is plausible 				
<p><i>Understanding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship of the article to course materials is clearly specified • Contribution of the article to understanding politics is clearly stated • Discussion of the article is illuminating 	<p>3 points 3 points</p>	<p>2.01 points 2 points</p>	<p>0.99 points 1 point</p>	<p>0 points 0 points</p>
<p><i>Mechanics and Style</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation and spelling are correct (free of mistakes) • Sentence structure and word usage are appropriate 	<p>3 points 3 points</p>	<p>2.01 points 2 points</p>	<p>0.99 points 1 point</p>	<p>0 points 0 points</p>