

**Japanese - Level 1**  
**Current Events Format & Requirements 2018-2019**  
**MYP/IB Student Assignment**  
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OBJECTIVE: IB Students will regularly research and analyze the cultural, social, political and economic implications of current events in Japan. They will be able to speak, using English while identifying key Japanese terms, about these events on the authority of their research with their classmates.

TASK – Written Analysis (10 points):

Students will research online to find a major news headline in current events that has either taken place in Japan or relate directly to Japanese interests abroad.

- This headline must be **categorized** (for example, “politics” or “economy” or “sports & leisure”); source citations must be included with the **article title, author of the article, website name, date of publication** and a **link** with the URL address. (2 points—Includes expectation that format is compliant to my specifications; see below)
- Students will then provide a summary in their own words of the event **IN ENGLISH**. It should include the following in the summary:
  - Identify the main points of interest in the news and any background information the article offers to understand its context. (2 points)
  - What you think of the news and how it might reflect things you have learned about Japanese culture and society. (2 points)
  - What are some questions you have about the content? Are there any new terms you haven’t heard before? Explain them. (2 points)
- Article Choice & Written Analysis Requirements

The choice of article will be determined either by the instructor or left to the student’s discretion and interest; students will be directed when assigned. Article length is at the student’s discretion too (1 point):

*Article Choice & Complexity* – English article required; Complexity based on level of understanding

*Written Analysis* – Written in English, organized as a paragraph, and must be at least 100 words in length. *It must be typed into the body of an email sent to Sensei.*

*Naming Protocol* – The subject title must be **YourLastName-Period6-CE#**\_\_\_\_ (So if it were my assignment: Collazo-Period6-CE#1).

\* Failure to comply with these formatting specifications will result in an immediate 1-point deduction, from the **10 points possible** for this assignment.

DEADLINE:

Submit by the beginning of this Japanese class on the specified due date, sent to [dbhssensei@gmail.com](mailto:dbhssensei@gmail.com) (NOT [wcollazo@browardschools.com](mailto:wcollazo@browardschools.com))

\* Failure to meet this deadline will result in a *2-point deduction* for each day it is late, beginning at the first minute of class.