

**Current Event Précis**  
Political Science 103  
Spring 2010

**General Guidelines**

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Throughout the semester, students will be required to submit five current events précis. Students may select any international news story they wish from the list of sources on the webliography on the course website and must summarize the information into a well structured one-two page brief.

**Précis Outline**

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Below is the format in which your précis should be organized. It should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced and in 12-point font. Remember to use the sources in the webliography and indicate any potential bias found in the article. Failure to do so will result in point deductions. There are sample précis located under "handouts" on the course website.

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(Title of Article) *Arab League calls on U.S. to stop blaming Syria*

**Section 1:**

Brief introduction of what the article is discussing. For example, in this case, I would discuss that the article deals with the Israeli-Hizballah conflict and the fact that the U.S. believes that Syria is partially to blame for the current crisis. Be sure to include the name of the source you are using (i.e., Tehran Times) and the author (if any), and any other background information necessary to understand the issue.

For example, in this case, I would provide a general overview of the current crisis. I would indicate how the crisis began and what is currently going on in regard to the issue.

Also, be sure that the article you have chosen is long enough to evaluate.

**Section 2:**

In this section, you are summarizing the article.

**Section 3:**

Indicate whether you believe that the article is biased and why. If you believe that there is no bias in the article be sure to say so.