

Name: _____ Signature Due: Thursday, November 19 Period: _____

Team 6B Current Events Wiki

Mr. Miller and Ms Falls

Dear Families of Team 6B Students,

Beginning 2nd quarter, we will use an online wiki as a forum for finding, reading, and discussing current events. A wiki is a special type of web site that anyone can edit to collaboratively write content. A great example is Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org>). Unlike Wikipedia however, our wiki will be password protected to close it off from being edited by the general public.

Students will be expected to read a news article linked from the wiki and post at least one comment by Friday of each week in response (period 4 Spectrum students must do at least two comments each week). Each comment should refer to specific information within the article and/or respond to comments by classmates. As the year progresses, we will add expectations, such as having students collaboratively write summaries of the events.

This work will be considered homework and class time will not be provided for it. If students do not have computer access at home, they may use a computer in Mr. Miller's homeroom (room 206) on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

One of our goals in using a wiki is to have students learn and practice safe and appropriate online communication. On the back of this form is an agreement for students and families to sign that students will follow our guidelines for publishing online. Families may chose to opt-out of this assignment, in which case the student will be given an alternate assignment to summarize a news article each week.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Mr. Miller at elmiller@seattleschools.org and Ms. Falls at ecfalls@seattleschools.org, or call 252-5010. More information is available at <http://ecksteineagles.org/6b-ss/>

Wiki Rules and Use Agreement

The Eck208 wiki (<http://eck208.pbworks.com/>) is a live web site that can be accessed by anyone on the Internet. As your teacher, my greatest concern is for your security and privacy. I want you to be able to communicate in a form that is fun, educational, challenging and interactive, while at the same time remaining secure and ethical. With that, all participating in this assignment must agree to certain terms of usage. In order to use this wiki, students must agree to the following rules. Failure to follow these rules may result in consequences including loss of access to the wiki and possible disciplinary action:

- I will not write negative comments about a student or staff member.
- I will not write inappropriate content or use foul language.
- I will not vandalize the work of another student.
- I will not edit the directions pages created by the teachers.
- I will not write my full name or use the full name of another student. I will only use first names and/or initials.
- I will not commit plagiarism, such as copying from other web sites and pasting into this wiki, which may result in loss of credit for the assignment. I will be sure to cite my sources and not use copyrighted images, music, movies, or other media.

Please check **one** of the following options:

- By signing this contract, I, _____ (print student name), am indicating that I understand the rules listed above and agree to adhere to them.
- I choose to opt-out of using the wiki and will do the alternative assignment.

Student signature

Parent signature