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Research Assignment: Top Stories of the Day

**Generally Good News Outlets:**

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| The New York Times   * [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)   National Public Radio   * [www.npr.com](http://www.npr.com)   Time   * [www.time.com](http://www.time.com)   British Broadcasting Company (BBC)   * [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) | CNN News   * [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)   The Guardian   * [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)   Fox News   * [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)   Los Angeles Times   * <http://www.latimes.com/> |

**Purpose of Today’s Assignment:** The purpose of today’s assignment is twofold. The first purpose is to gain a better understanding of what is happening in the world today. What are the news events that might potentially affect us and our fellow members of the human race? What might tomorrow look like based on what is occurring today? The second purpose of this assignment is to become familiar browsing a number of news sites and articles. Where can you find the most unbiased news? Where can you find stories of inspiration and calls to action?

***Directions:*** *Browse THREE of the news outlets listed above. Spend about twenty minutes browsing these sites. Click on the different tabs usually located at the top (World/International, U.S., Business, Lifestyle, Travel, etc.) Then answer the following questions.*

1. According to your research, what is the top international news story of the day? In other words, what story was front page news for multiple websites? Write a one-sentence explanation of this story below (the Five W’s: who, what, where, when, why). (2 points)
   1. EX: The prime minister and the cabinet members **(WHO)** of Yemen **(WHERE)** resigned **(WHAT)** on Thursday, January 22nd **(WHEN)** in protest of Houthi political demands to have more power in government affairs **(WHY)**.

1. In which of the three websites did you see this story? (3 points)

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| News Source | Title of Article | Author |
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1. Why do you think this is a top news story? In other words, whom does this story affect? How does this story affect them? Use two quotes from two of the news articles you listed above to support your claim (4 points)
2. Find one news story **published today** that seems to have the greatest example of heroism in it (6 points).

Title of News Article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

News Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What happened? Write a ONE sentence summary where you explain the Five W’s:

Why is this person heroic? Use one quote from the news story to support your claim

1. Find one news story **published today** that seems to have the greatest example of villainy or treachery in it (6 points)

Title of News Article: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

News Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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