

Global Learning: Preparation

Cultural Toolkit Assignment and Rubric

Assignment

Find a news article (or multiple articles if there has been extensive coverage of this topic) about the country where you will be studying. If possible, an article from a news source within the country is preferable. This article can be on a political, historical, cultural, or other topic.

- Explain what the article covers, including any relevant background, people, and events.
- Using the Cultural Toolkit framework, how might this information give insight into the cultural assumptions of some people within this area?
- Is everyone involved in the situation operating from the same assumptions? Does the source of the article have any known biases that might have affected their framing of the story?
- As an outside viewer, how might your assumptions affect your understanding of the situation?

You must always cite your references, but you may use whichever method of citation is most common in your field. Wikipedia may be helpful for finding more background, but please include additional sources.

Grading Rubric

Requirement	Satisfies Requirement	Does Not Satisfy Requirement
FORMAT The essay is 500-1000 words and does not contain any significant spelling, grammar, or formatting errors.	Yes	No
TOPIC The essay outlines at least one newspaper article that is from their target country.	Yes	No
ANALYSIS 1 The essay discusses 2 or more cultural toolkit dimensions that influence the events of the article.	Thoughtful Consideration	Needs More Consideration
ANALYSIS 2 The essay discusses how differences in the perspectives of those involved and the news source may impact the framing of the story.	Thoughtful Consideration	Needs More Consideration
ANALYSIS 3 The essay discusses how differences in the perspectives the reader may impact the understanding.	Thoughtful Consideration	Needs More Consideration
CITATIONS The essay includes appropriate citations.	Citations Included	No Citations Included