

Assignment #1: Current Event Reports.

This summer, find and read three (3) recent news articles (dated within the last three months before August 15, 2024). Find one article to fit within each of the following three broad categories of study:

1. Economic, Historical, Moral, Political, and Social;
2. Science, including its history, philosophy, ethics, general principles and applications; environmental issues; technology and mathematics;
3. Literature, Language, the Arts, Crafts, and the Media.

For each article, answer the following questions.

1. Title of article;
2. Link of article;
3. Category that the article aligns with;
4. Speaker (Who is the speaker/writer? Give a brief description. Do research to find information);
5. Occasion (Describe the time and place of the article. What is the current situation that prompts or inspires the article?);
6. Audience (Who are the intended readers?);
7. Purpose (What is the purpose of the article? Why did the speaker write this piece?);
8. Summary (summarize the article in a few sentences).

Assignment #2: Reading of *Measure for Measure*

Please read *Measure for Measure* by William Shakespeare and write a short summary (2-3 sentences) for **each act**. You can find the text online for free (a simple Google Search will do) or on Amazon. Here is a quick summary to assist with understanding the play:

“Human nature and the law often collide in *Measure for Measure*. As the play begins, the Duke of Vienna announces he is going away and puts his deputy Angelo in charge of the state. Angelo immediately enforces a law prohibiting sex outside of marriage, sentencing Claudio to death for sleeping with Juliet, Claudio’s now-pregnant fiancée. Claudio’s sister Isabella, a novice nun, appeals to Angelo to save her brother. But the supposedly pure Angelo demands that Isabella sleep with him to save Claudio. To Claudio’s dismay, Isabella refuses. The duke, who has remained in Vienna disguised as a friar, suggests that Angelo’s jilted fiancée, Mariana, could take Isabella’s place. Although the trick succeeds, Angelo orders Claudio beheaded anyway. The duke saves Claudio, but he tells Isabella that Claudio is dead. The duke, resuming his identity, sentences Angelo to wed Mariana and then be put to death. But Mariana and Isabella plead for Angelo’s life. Revealing that Claudio is alive, the duke pardons Angelo and proposes to Isabella.”

If you wish to watch a visual adaption of the play **while** reading it, you may. However, keep in mind that some adaptations and productions of the play rearrange or edit out certain parts from the play. Watching the play does not replace reading the play; you still have to read the play!