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**LAW IN THE NEWS - Current Events Report**

**Purpose:**

This activity is intended to help students develop an awareness of the importance of the categories of law and the law making process through an examination of newspaper reports on current legal cases/issues.

**Assignment:**

1. Select 5 recent newspaper articles dealing with legal issues. Classify them into at least 3 different categories of law (ex. criminal, tort etc.) and justify your decision for placing each article in the chosen category. Organize articles according to private and public law and the subcategories of each (ex. administrative, criminal, family, tort etc.). Clearly indicate the type of law in a heading at the top of each page. For example: Public – Criminal.

2. Provide a brief summary of the key points of each article in paragraph form.

3. Justify your selection of category (ex. how do you know it is Public – Criminal?)

4. Type and submit your assignment as a .PDF file digitally via OneDrive (instructions will be provided)

**Assignment Requirements:**

* Title Page – using proper format (example will be provided)
* Table of Contents – (see example)
* newspapers/internet (follow them on Twitter for news articles)
* must include the actual news articles with url links – using proper APA citation methods
* must submit on time or earlier

**Assessment:**

Each article will be assessed based on the correct classification, justification of the classification, and the article summary, and the overall adherence to assignment requirements/expectations. See assessment rubric for more details.