

## CURRENT EVENTS TEMPLATE

**News item:**

**Source(s):**

**Details:**

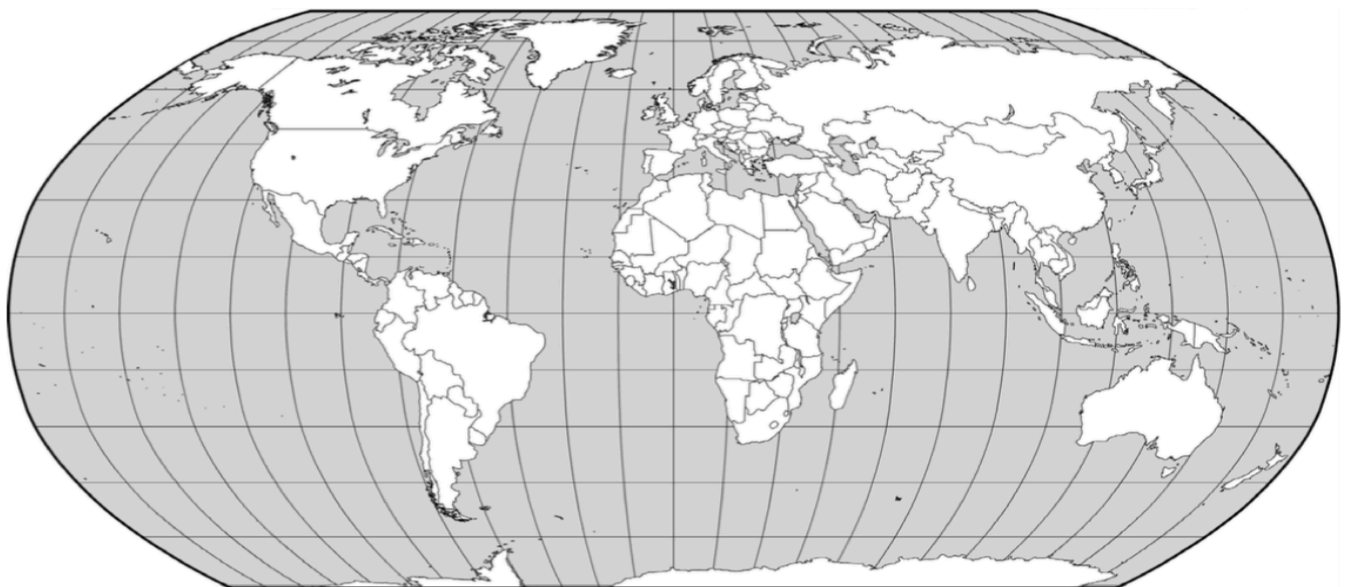
What's going on? How would you explain this quickly to someone?

When did it take place? (or get started, or is it set to happen?)

Where is it taking place? (show on map if possible)

Who is directly involved or affected? Indirectly?

Why is it happening? How might it end or be resolved?



**Critical Thinking - adapt these “historic and geographic concept” prompts as necessary**

**Significance:** Is there something important in this story, or an important connection? Why? Is the place it is happening significant? Why? should we care about this story?

**Evidence:** Are the sources reliable? Do other relevant sources agree with each other? What uses are made of primary evidence? What other kinds of data could/should be considered to get a better understanding of the situation?

**Continuity and Change:** How does the event (or the reporting on the event) compare with other events of a similar nature? Is this story part of a pattern, either from history or related to a particular place?

**Cause and Consequence:** What is known about how this event or story originated? What will be the likely result from this story or event? Does part of this story relate to the interactions between human and environment? Explain.

**Perspective:** what are some of the various viewpoints on the issue, event, or story? Is there one that dominates? If so, why? How much is this story tied to the place it is happening and the people that live there versus being a story that could happen anywhere?

**Ethical Judgment:** What can be learned from this story? What action should be taken? What kinds of beliefs or values are at play for the people involved or affected by this story? Is there some blame or responsibility for this event that needs to be shared or passed around?