Our last unit in Washington State History is on government and economy. We are looking at the three branches of government, checks-and-balances, and current events. We are also discussing freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

To enhance our classroom lessons, I am asking each student to watch the three main national news channels for at least 20 minutes, and one international news channel. That means, one night watching CNN for 20 min, another night watching FOX News for 20 minutes, another night watching MSNBC for 20 minutes, and a last night watching an international news channel such as BBC or Al-Jazerra.

After each viewing, students should write a brief paragraph telling me:

1) What channel and show they watched
2) What topic was discussed
3) What they thought about it

Students have until Friday June 21 to turn this in. If families do not have access to one or more of these channels, I will accept a parent note excusing their child from watching.