

GUIDELINES**COURSE PROJECT PART 1:**

THE RISK OF HARM, LOSS OR INJURY FROM X: ACCOUNT FROM CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND FROM RECENT NEWS REPORTING

*** Students must also consult and refer to the Project General Guidelines uploaded to “Document and Videos” on the course webpage.

1. Submission information.
Due date: Week 5, Class 2 (or sooner).
Length: 1-2 pages, 500-600 words (regular font, double spaced) plus references. Joint submission: 3-4 pages, 750-800 words
Grade Value: 10%
Late submission penalty: .5 points per day deducted off the earned grade.
Submission details: To be submitted via Léa using the Submission Form.
All submitted work must be the student’s own, individual, independent work
Joint submissions: see the teacher for specifics on requirements

2. Content information
Write a 500-600 word summary account of the chosen topic (the risk) based on two types of knowledge about the risk: (a) your own current understanding and beliefs about the risk and the probable losses and harms associated with it; (b) what is reported about the risk in recent news coverage. The new coverage will deal with the occurrence of harm and the probability or possibility of future harm.

2.1 Account from Current Knowledge
Write a brief account of the chosen topic (the risk) based on what you currently understand and believe about it and about its likely/probable occurrence. This account is meant to present what you know about the risk prior to carrying out further research about it. This account must include the following: What you currently know about the risk and its possible or probable occurrence and accompanying harms based on one or more of the following: (a) personal experience and commonsense or common knowledge (what is commonly and generally known); (b) whatever specialized knowledge you may have, at the current moment, from personal interest in the topic; (c) what you may have learned, at the current moment, from secondary sources such as the mass media, academic studies, teachers, exhibits, scientific reports and journals and so on. If you do not have any knowledge of the risk beyond personal experience and commonsense, then write the account from that perspective alone. In either case, the account must be concise, coherent, clearly stated, well-structured and informative. This account should be no more than 200 words in length.

2.2 Account from Recent News Reporting
Write a brief summary of recent news reporting on the risk you selected. Find TWO news articles about the risk published within the last five years (i.e. since 2019). “News reporting” refers to documents

(reports) that are published in news publications as accounts of recent events or circumstances of public interest and import.

Summarize the contents of the reports, paying particular attention to what is said about the probable or possible occurrence of the event, circumstance or condition that would result in loss, injury or harm. To find the articles, you must use the database called “Gale in Context: Global Issues” accessible via the Vanier Library webpage. You will use this database to search for news articles on the topic that you will summarize for this assignment.

The summaries of recent news reports, will include the following:

1. the specific issue, relating to the risk, on which each article is focused. In a sentence or two, state what facet or aspect of the risk each article is addressing.
 2. the information on probable occurrence contained in the articles. State what the article tells us about the likely occurrence of the risky event or incident and harm, injury or loss that would result.
- Depending on the topic (the risk), the articles should be as recent as possible and, generally, should have been published within the last year.

The summary must be concise, coherent, clearly stated, well structured, relevant to the overall topic, informative and interesting.

The account should be about 400 words in length.

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