

One of the most important means of protecting the American way of life and preserving democracy is to have an educated and informed citizenry, this means you. Intelligent people are not easily fooled by crooked politicians, out of control military leaders and the idiots on TV and the internet that want you to believe the world is ending and that you need to buy their products to make yourself safe or better looking! Be informed, do not sleepwalk through life. Do not fall prey to fools.

To fight ignorance and to protect democracy you will have your choice to read two online newspapers: *The New York Times* at [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com) or *The Wall St. Journal* at [wsj.com](http://wsj.com).

Name of newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Article: \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the main subject of this article?

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2. Who are the major participants?

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3. Where did this take place?

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4. When did the event take place? (this can yesterday or several days, weeks or months)

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5. Explain the details of how this event took place:

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6. Explain why this event was important enough to be reported and written. Or, why do citizens need to know this?

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7. From this article I learned that...

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8. From this article I was surprised that...

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9. From reading this article I was pleased that ...

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