

Throughout the semester you will engage in online discussions through a platform called NewsActivist. Through the use of this site you will be able to present, reflect on and defend your positions on the social and political issues of your choosing. You will also be asked to respond to and engage with the ideas of other student users of the site. The purpose of the following assignment is to introduce you to the site by having you register as well as read through the posts and comments of other students.

## DIRECTIONS

### 1. Register for NewsActivist

- Go to the site [www.NewsActivist.com](http://www.NewsActivist.com) and click on “Register”
- Your class is called “XXXX”
- Follow the instructions in your e-mail account and wait for my approval (this may take up to 24 hours)

Once I have confirmed your membership you will have full access to the site.

*\* when you register make sure that you click the box indicating that you would like to be notified when people comment on your posts.*

### 2. Browse through **Featured Student Writing** on the Home Page and look for articles under a category that interests you. After you have spent some time exploring the site answer the following questions:

- In your opinion, what are two features of a strong post? Provide examples.
- In your opinion, what are two features of a weak post? Provide examples.