February Extra Credit Assignment

**Due**: Friday Feb. 14th at the start of class (late work is NOT accepted)

Find a news article on a current event in Europe. The article must be from within the last week and must be about an event that took place in Europe. The article should be from a reputable news source such as a newspaper, magazine, or reputable internet news site. Students may turn in up to 3 articles, but all must be on different subjects and from different areas.

For each article, students must turn in:

A **copy of the article** (a clip-out from a paper or magazine is fine or so is black and white printing). This copy of the article must have all geography-relevant material such as place names or references to geographic concepts highlighted and underlined. Students should also include several marginal comments with any questions that they might have about the news story.

An **informational sheet** on the article that includes all of the following:
1. A **sketch map** (hand-drawn, NO computer-generated ones) of the country where the event took place with the location of the current event identified by a star.
2. **Title** of Article
3. **Date** of the Article
4. **Source** of the Article
5. **Location** of the Event
6. **Latitude/Longitude** of the location where the event took place
7. A **summary** of the main points in the article that is at least four (and no more than six) complete sentences. This summary should be entirely in the student’s own words and should not include any direct quotations. The student must paraphrase the major points in the article.

**Plagiarism on this assignment (including copying off other students’ work) will not only result in no credit, but will result in a 0 added to the plagiarist’s grade at a quiz-grade level. Do not cheat, do not copy.**

Articles that complete all aspects of the requirements correctly will be eligible for up to 20 extra credit points per article. Partially-finished assignments **will not be eligible** for extra credit points. Points will be awarded based on the thoroughness of the highlighting and underlining (plus any marginal comments), the veracity of the information provided including the sketch map and latitude and longitude, and the comprehensiveness and correctness of the summary.