Honors Extra Credit Opportunity: Knowledge Bowl Questions

**Directions**: Write as many Knowledge Bowl-style questions (up to 16 total) on these two general topical areas. These must be TYPED and turned in by Thursday, March 6th. Do not repeat questions on the same subject—you should vary between different topics. Include a reputable source for each question (Wikipedia/Infoplease/Etc. are not reputable sources) like a news story or your textbook (class notes work too).

CITATIONS MUST BE IN PROPER MLA-style FORMAT.

**Categories**:
Current Events (Up to 8). These can be on any world-wide event that has happened in the last month; avoid US-specific or local current events.

Geography Questions (Up to 8). These should be on places *we have covered in the class* so far only.

**Question Guidelines**:
- Questions must be “pyramidal.” That is, they start with more difficult clues about an answer and then gradually get easier. The clues should all refer to a specific answer.
- Questions should ask clues about a specific person, place, or thing. No “Why?” questions.
- Questions must include at least 4 different clues. The first clue must uniquely specify the answer—for instance, you can’t say “What European capital on the Danube” because there are multiple European capitals on the Danube.
- Questions must not mislead the player. All questions should be clear from the start as to what they are looking for—do not “trick” the players.

**Points**:
Each question that does an acceptable job of meeting the guidelines included is worth 1 point. Questions that meet and exceed the guidelines (for instance, very interesting or extra clues) and require little editing by the teacher will be worth 2 points. The maximum number of points then on this assignment is 36.

*Poor Question Examples:*
What is the capital of France?
Belgium’s capital is Brussels. What is the capital of Luxembourg?
Who is Vladimir Putin?

*Acceptable Question Examples*:
What city of over 2 million people located on the Seine River contains the Notre Dame cathedral and is the capital of France?
Identify the international leader recently made fun of by Steven Seagal who served as a former KGB agent during the Soviet Union and now rules from the Kremlin over Russia.

*Good Question Example*:
The Jura Mountains are located just West of this mountain range and the Matterhorn is a peak in this mountain range, which is the site of Lake Geneva, while Mount Blanc is its highest point. Yodeling is popular in what European mountain range that runs through Austria, Italy, France, and Switzerland?

There will be a team and individual competition on Friday. Extra credit and/or bragging rights may be on the line then.