

S1 Modern Studies

Both of the tasks below can be done as many times as you like!

The news media

- Pick two media outlets (these could be newspapers, radio, TV, news websites or social media, - e.g. *Metro* newspaper, Capital radio, BBC TV news, *Guardian* online article, or a YouTube video)
- Find a recent report in both of them about the *same* issue – e.g. the US Presidential election candidates.
- Copy and complete the following table (don't just fill this one in, you can do this task again!)

	Report 1	Report 2
Media outlet		
Headline/title of report		
Facts they both agree on		
Their sources (where they say they got their information)		
Words/phrases which show their <i>opinion</i> about the issue		
How responsible and reliable does this report seem? (is it Realistic, Evidence-based, Accurate about things you know, and Links to similar information from other outlets)		

- Based on these two reports – and more research if you can – create one of the following:
 - *Your own written news report on the subject*
 - *A political cartoon on the subject (a political cartoon tries to sum up something that's going on in the news as one picture – often making fun of some of the people involved)*
 - *A short video explaining the subject*

Rich world/poor world

- Pick a country to find out about, and research the following:
 - **Basics** - How big is it? (in square miles), what is the capital city, how many people live there, what languages do they speak?
 - **Economy** - What is the GDP per capita? Would it be considered 'rich world' or 'poor world'? What is the main industry?
 - **Politics** - Who is in charge? How did they get chosen to be in charge? (An election or something else?) How long have they been in power? What are the main political parties in the country and what are their ideas?
 - **Society** - What are the main problems facing the country? What would people there be most proud of about their country?
 - Five **interesting facts/ 'things you wouldn't know'** about this place
- Turn your research into:
 - A report on the country *or*
 - A poster about the country

If you have questions or want more tasks to get on with, email me at

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Useful website: <https://theday.co.uk/> - a great news website written for secondary-school students