**Media Mondays**

The strongest readers have a large base of prior knowledge and background information, which allows them to make connections with what they read and to consider new information from more than one angle. For many readers, a lack of prior knowledge and background leads to difficulty in creating meaning and understanding. Part of being literate is being informed, and that’s why each Monday the class will get exposure to some thought-provoking media content – a newspaper or magazine article, part of a podcast, or even a short video.

Your task will be to read, listen to, or view the presented media, think deeply about it, and write a personal reflection.

How long should your writing be, and what should your writing show? It should be long enough to provide evidence showing you read, understood, and thoroughly thought about the media. Your writing may include your views on anything the media presents and connections (personal or otherwise) to the media. Be sure to justify your views and explain your connections.

Please type your personal reaction and send it as an attachment to [mrcleary+10@gmail.com](mailto:mrcleary+3@gmail.com) before the end of the day every Monday (unless otherwise directed).