**April 6: Current Event Connections**

Both articles can be read online (follow the link) or without the ads by using the word documents included in this assignment

**ARTICLE 1:**

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20181016-the-flu-that-transformed-the-20th-century>

## “The Spanish flu emerged as the world was recovering from years of global war. It was to have some surprising and far-reaching effects.”

1. What are 3 interesting facts about the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918?
2. According to this article, what was the long term impact (consequence) of the pandemic of 1918?

**ARTICLE 2:**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/dictators-are-using-the-coronavirus-to-strengthen-their-grip-on-power/2020/04/02/c36582f8-748c-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d_story.html>

**“Dictators are using the coronavirus to strengthen their grip on power”**

1. Before spring break, we talked about how Adolf Hitler used the fear and panic surrounding fire in the Reichstag to pass emergency powers for the government (power he did not give back), effectively ending democracy in Germany.

According to this article, what are 3 examples of governments extending their power to combat Covid 19?

**Conclusion / prediction:**

1. Using what you have read in these articles, what do you think may be some long term consequences of the Covid 19 pandemic?