

## **INST/POLS 184: Introduction to International Relations**

### Transcript for "Purpose of CEQ Assignment" video

Hi, everyone, it's Professor Floros and I am recording this video in order to explain the purpose behind the current events questionnaire assignment for INST/POLS 184: Intro to International Relations. So first, let me just briefly talk about why this is the assignment for this class.

I've mentioned in class that one of my goals for you this semester is to be able to apply the course concepts to real life events. And so, this assignment takes our framework, the three "I"s: Interests, what actors want, Interactions, how they get what they want, and Institutions, rules that constrain, or don't, their ability to get what they want.

We're going to apply those three framework concepts to events in the real world.

So, that's content.

There's also an extra credit opportunity with these assignments to work on skill building. The timeline bonus is meant to help you organize your time and organize your process in completing this assignment.

The bonus asks you to make a plan, with dates, when you are going to do different aspects of the assignment. Then, as you work through the assignment, you should refer to your plan and note how well you're following it. And then, at the end of your assignment, you will include a comparison of your plan and what you actually did, and reflect on how you did or did not follow the plan, whether it was helpful to organize and complete the assignment, and how you might adjust the plan in the future to be more successful. So, between applying our concepts to real world events and building skills to ensure that you can turn the assignment in on time, that's what we're trying to achieve in this assignment.