**Current Issues Daily Log: 8/22 – 26/2016**

August 22, 2016

Choose one of the following topics to respond to in 4-5 sentences.

1. Are you concerned about the Zika virus? Why/Why not? What do you think should be done to prevent the continued spread/transmission of the disease?
2. What are some of the benefits of having a pet? Some college campuses have started having “puppy rooms” set up during exams week in order to provide a low stress space for students. Do you think this would be beneficial to students? Why/Why not?

August 23, 2016

Choose one of the following topics to respond to in 4-5 sentences.

1. A U.S. judge blocked the Obama administration’s rules concerning transgender students and public bathrooms. What is significant about this decision? What do you think about the topic?
2. The U.S. federal government budget for National Parks is between $2 and $3 billion. Why is such emphasis put on national parks/monuments? Do you agree or disagree with the amount spent?
3. Why is it such a big deal for Japan to host the 2020 Olympic games? What struggles will they face? What are you looking forward to seeing in those games?

August 24, 2016

1. President Obama has been criticized for not making his trip to Louisiana sooner. Why is it important for political leaders to visit locations of natural disasters or other major crisis? Do you think that Obama’s visit will be helpful or harmful to the people of Louisiana? Why?
2. Iraqi security forces have moved into the Mosul area with the intent of taking the city back from ISIS, however, ISIS is not putting up much resistance. Why do you think this might be the case? What do you think “winning the fight” might mean for Iraq?

August 26, 2016

1. What kind of information is needed before we consider establishing residence on another planet, like Proxima B? Would you ever be willing to go live on another planet? Why/Why not?