

# What's going on around the world?

**Input focus:** online reading, text summary

**Output focus:** Digital poster using Google Slides, informal writing



Image source: screenshot from <https://www.reddit.com/r/GlobalTalk/>

When we read online a lot of what we read is focused on very small parts of the world. At the online community Reddit.com the subreddit GlobalTalk to get a glimpse of what is going on in other countries than the USA. Since the posts are written by users the language is very informal.

1. Have a look at <https://www.reddit.com/r/GlobalTalk/> and **skim** a few of the top posts to get an idea of what kind of language is used and what kind of news are being portrayed.
2. Your teacher will assign you a country. Before you start your search, make sure your search language is set to *English*. Search for a new website from this country and look at the front page to find a news item you find interesting. Make sure to note the source. To check the credibility of the story, go back to a search engine and find other sources about the same piece of news. Note these sources as well.

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3. Now make a short summary of the news item by answering the following questions. Add a few words or phrases in each box. You might find that one or two of the boxes are hard to answer for your news item, if so, ignore them.

Who?	
What?	
Where?	
When?	
Why?	

4. Make a poster to present your news item. Use *Google Slides* and use only one slide. Change the layout of the slide.

- Go to *File* and find *Page Setup*.
- In the drop-down menu, pick *Custom*. This allows you to choose the dimensions of your choice.
- Change the numbers in the boxes to make a *portrait format*, rather than the standard *landscape format*.

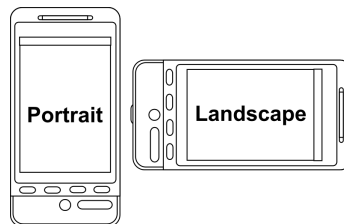


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5. In your slide include the following:

- A headline
- The flag of the country. (Make sure to only use images filtered for usage rights that you are allowed to use.)
- A textbox with two to three sentences that summarize your news item.
- Consider the style of the language: try to match the style of the subreddit GlobalTalk.
- A list of your sources and image sources.
- Optional: an image to highlight your news item. (Make sure to only use images filtered for usage rights that you are allowed to use.)
- *Pro tip: When organizing your poster you can use the red grid lines that appear when you move things around. They help you find the center of the image and to line items up neatly.*

**Your slide will be presented to your class.**

## Vocabulary:

online community	nätforum
get a glimpse of	få en skymt av
users	användare
skim	skumläsa
assign someone something	tilldela någon något
make sure	se till att
note the source	notera källan
credibility	trovärdighet
by answering	genom att besvara
custom	skräddarsydd
portrait layout	stående format
landscape layout	liggande format
headline	rubrik
allowed to	tillåten att
sentence	mening
consider	tänk på
highlight	belysa
grid lines	stödlinjer
appear	dyka upp
neatly	tjusigt, snyggt