Mr. Vanderpool’s Article Analysis Assignment

In order to truly understand government/economics, it is necessary to apply what we are learning to current events. By doing this, you will see how government and economics shapes our daily lives. Therefore, I am going to have you analyze an article/blog/opinion editorial from an online or paper news source. On a separate piece of paper, answer the following questions about the article that you choose. Please see my website under the government/economics resources tab for several wonderful sources for government/economics related articles. Answers need to be in complete sentences with correct grammar.

1. What is the name of the article/opinion editorial? What date was it written/published (if available).
2. Summarize what the author is saying in this article in one paragraph.
3. What is the thesis (main point/argument) of this article?
4. What evidence does the author use to prove his or her thesis?
5. Do the sources the author uses seem credible? Why?
6. Did the author convince you that he or she was correct in their analysis? Why or why not?
7. How does the content of this article relate to what we are learning in class?
8. Do you think the author of this article has a bias? If so, where and how? If not, what kind of bias might someone have regarding the subject matter of this article?
9. What are three questions you would like to ask the author of this article regarding its contents? Why?
10. Did the author of the article commit any fallacies (see the fallacy list on Google Classroom)? If so, where and how? If not, what kind of fallacy might someone make regarding the subject matter of this article?
11. Research an article on a similar topic that holds the opposite thesis of the author you just read. What is the name of the article and the source of it? Compare and contrast this new author’s view with the original author’s view.