CITIZEN CURRENT EVENT ANALYSIS SHEET

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____
DATE: _____

ARTICLE TITLE: _____

ARTICLE SUMMARY:
(Include relevant persons, places, events, and time.)

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CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE (circle one):
Limited government / popular will-sovereignty / federalism / separation of powers / checks and balances / judicial review

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE (circle one):
Natural rights / common good / justice / equality / consent of the governed / higher law

GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE (circle one):
Maintain social order / provide national security / provide public services / control the economy

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CITIZEN'S JUDGMENT STATEMENT:

(Write one sentence saying that a CONSTITIONAL PRINCIPLE of government fulfilled, or failed to fulfill, a FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE while succeeding or failing to fulfill a GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE.)

Examples:

1. The government failed to fulfill the *popular will*, by failing to protect the *natural right to life* of the people of New Orleans in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, and also failed to *maintain social order* and *provide public services*.
2. The *president used his power over the military* (separation of powers) to send troops to Iraq so that the *common good* of all citizens would be protected by *providing national security*.)
3. By allowing affirmative action, the Supreme Court has used *judicial review* to provide *justice* to races that have experienced historical discrimination, fulfilling its duty to *maintain social order*.

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JUDGMENT SUMMARY:

(Explain why you either approve or disapprove of the government's action in this case. Remember to base your argument in terms of constitutional principles, fundamental principles, and governmental purposes.)

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