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Sociological Imagination Assignment 1

- *Turn in on Monday, February 4th in class.*
- *Graded as Credit / No Credit.*

1. Look up a newspaper or magazine from the month and year of your birth (online or hard copy). What was going on in the news that month? What were some of the key social or cultural events/trends/problems during that month? Record at least three major news stories. Cite the source that you used.

2. C. Wright Mills identifies the central task of sociology to be grasping the relationships between history and biography. To do this, identify two of the following phenomena that occurred sometime in your childhood or early adulthood that you think has shaped your biography and who you are: an historical event, a cultural trend, a feature of the economy, a political event or issue, or a social issue (for example, a baby boomer might say the Vietnam War or the sexual revolution). If you can, ask someone of a different generation that same question. On the back of this page, please name and describe the two phenomena you have chosen and discuss how you think each has influenced your biography or who you are. If you had the opportunity to ask someone of another generation, briefly discuss what they said. A good response should be about 7 sentences in length (you can use the back of this sheet or submit a separate sheet stapled to this one).