INTRODUCTIONS FOR EXTEMPS

ISIL

RUSSIA

In Victorian writer George Bernard Shaw’s Maxims for Revolutionist’s he says “Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.” Shaw knew one truth for sure – the cost of liberty means everyone must take part in protecting it. America has long since been seen as the world’s policeman and yet, the Obama presidency is determined to make the world participate in,,,,,( taking down ISIL….etc…)

EBOLA

The great Italian political philosopher Barush Spinoza said “the ultimate aim of government is not to rule or restrain by fear but to free every man from fear that he may live in all possible security; in other words, to strengthen his natural right to exist and work without injury to himself or others.” Thus it is today with all things related to the grand questions surrounding our fears about Ebola.

In July 2009, a high school girl named Alexa Longueira was walking along a main boulevard near her home on Staten Island, New York, typing in a message on her cell phone. Not paying attention to the world around her, she took a step and fell right into an open manhole.Whitney, L. (2009, July 13). Don’t text while walking? Girl learns the hard way. CNET News Wireless. Retrieved from<http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-10285466-94.html>

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| The ancient Greek writer Aesop told a fable about a boy who put his hand into a pitcher of filberts. The boy grabbed as many of the delicious nuts as he possibly could. But when he tried to pull them out, his hand wouldn’t fit through the neck of the pitcher because he was grasping so many filberts. Instead of dropping some of them so that his hand would fit, he burst into tears and cried about his predicament. The moral of the story? “Don’t try to do too much at once.”Aesop (1881). Aesop’s fables. New York, NY: Wm. L. Allison. Retrieved from<http://www.litscape.com/author/Aesop/The_Boy_and_the_Filberts.html>  After recounting this anecdote, the speaker could easily relate the fable to the notion that the technology in our society leads us to try to do too many things at once. |  |
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