Monitoring the Election

Instructions: In the coming weeks, you will continue to follow the events surrounding the 2016 election. Each week you will consider two to three news sources—each from a different media outlet—and write a short two-or-three sentence update in Part I below. A news source might be an article, a news video or audio clip, or a photo slideshow. Make sure that the sources you explore are current, that is, created within the previous seven days. After your second update, answer the questions listed in Part II.

Part I: Monitoring the Situation *Week:*

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Part II: Analyzing the Situation

1. What major developments have occured in the past month?

2. What have been the responses of different people and groups in the United States, such as the U.S. Congress, the Republican or Democratic Party, people from other political parties, important politicians, the media, or the public?

3. Which news sources did you find most useful in researching this topic? Which were the least useful?

- 4. The media plays a powerful role in creating messages about each candidate. Choose one media source that you discussed in Part I and answer the following questions.
 - a. Who was the author of the source?
 - b. What format is used to present the source?
 - c. What points of views are included in this source? Are any points of view left out?
 - d. What is the overall message of the source?
 - e. Do you agree with the source's message? Why or why not?

5. What do you think the outcome of the election will be? How do you think people in the United States and members of the government will respond?