



Current Events Bonus Project



Objective:

Students will collect **4** current event articles that relate to an interested science area/field or that relate to the current topic being discussed in class. Articles should be collected from local newspapers and/or popular magazines. **Three** articles may come from reputable websites (e.g. cnn.com, discovery, local news, national geographic, etc). Students are expected to read each article and write a **summary**. Following every summary include a citation using MLA format. The summary may be hand-written and/or typed.

Purpose:

Students should be able to evaluate scientific research and data as it is presented to the public as well as make a connection between science topics and how it affects them or people around them and their community.

This project will count as **15 bonus points**. Please follow the format below for **each** article.

1. Neatly cut out the entire article – INCLUDE article heading, date it was printed, source name, and any pictures associated with it. Some articles, especially in newspapers, are continued on different pages – make sure that you include the entire article!!!
2. Cut out the name of the source as well as the date of the issue.
3. Neatly glue it onto a piece of paper.
4. On an additional sheet of paper handwrite or type a summary for your chosen article. Your summary should follow the format below:

Heading (Your name, class, date)

Summary of “Name of Article”

Summary Paragraph(s):

- Briefly state the *thesis* of this article.
- Summarize (using complete sentences) the reason you feel the author wrote this article.
- Explain at least one point from the article in detail in your own words (do NOT just copy word for word from the article as this is known as PLAGARISM and you will receive a zero!)
- Question or endorse the author’s comments.
- State at least one point from the article that you found very interesting, enlightening and/or shocking and explain why.

Citation: Article Author’s Name (Last, First). Date. Title of Article. Source. Page(s).

Example:

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. *The Country Today*, pp. 1A, 2A.

5. Put all 4 articles and summaries in a 3 brad folder. Please make sure your summary follows the article. Do not have all your articles in one section and all your summaries in another. Article should be followed by its summary!!! Follow this format for all 4 articles.