

Five Themes of Geography Current Events File

To be well-informed citizens of the world, it is important for us to be aware of the important events happening all around us, in places near and far. Your job over the next few weeks is to collect five current events news articles. For each article, you will need to complete a brief write-up, including how each article connects to one of the Five Themes of Geography.

***Articles must be current within the last month.*

Where can you find news articles?

- A newspaper—If your family does not subscribe to a newspaper, does one of your neighbors? The Westerville Public Library subscribes to MANY newspapers. Mrs. McDaniel in Genoa’s media center also subscribes to daily newspapers and will allow you to use them.
- Internet— Many newspapers (like the *Columbus Dispatch* or *USA Today*) can be found online. Below are more great places to find current events stories written for a student audience:
 - <http://www.CNNStudentNews.com> has a daily 10-minute newscast.
 - <http://www.dogonews.com/>
 - <http://tweentribune.com/love>
 - <http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/>
 - <http://teachkidsnews.com/>
 - <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/currentevents.htm>

***One of your articles must come from Grolier!*

How will I be assessed?

- Your summaries of each article should provide a clear understanding of the main ideas of the article, and present these ideas accurately.
- Your connections to the Five Themes of Geography should be thoughtful, specific, and accurate.
- Each of the Five Themes (Location, Place, Region, Movement, and Human-Environment Interaction) must be represented in your current events file at least once.

	Themes	Points Possible	Points Earned
1		8	
2		8	
3		8	
4		8	
5		8	
	TOTAL	40	

