

Social Studies/Science News

Current Events Assignment

Your summer work assignment is to read and react to four social studies/science-related articles. Your first four articles are due on August 13th, 2021

Suggested sources for social studies/science news:

<https://www.discovery.com/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/>

<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/>

<https://www.popsci.com/tags/kids>

<https://abcnews.go.com/Technology>

<http://kidsahead.com/articles>

<https://www.cnn.com/specials/space-science>

Your current events assignment should be organized as follows:

Your Name

Your Class Period

Due Date

Title of article Author

Source of the article (Ex: Magazine name or website title)

Date article was written (No more than 3 years old)

Paragraph one: (Summary) Write a summary of the article using your own words. Assume you are educating your reader about this topic, be sure to include helpful background information and a thesis which is the main point the author is trying to make. Plagiarism will not be accepted - use your own words! If you did not enjoy the article or understand it, find a new current event article.

Paragraph two: (Reaction) Write a thoughtful and reflective reaction to what you read. Some ideas to get you thinking could include answering TWO of the following questions. You do NOT have to answer all the questions, pick two and write a thoughtful and reflective reaction. (Be sure to include an introductory sentence in your paragraph!)

* What did you learn that was new and how would you apply this information to a different situation or setting? (How else could this knowledge be used?)

*How does this relate to what we are learning/have learned in science class or your other classes? Make a strong connection, how has this article enhanced your understanding of what was covered in a class? (Connect and compare it to your learning)

*What further questions do you have about this topic? (Construct new questions for the author, what else should be explored?)

Vocabulary: At the bottom of your assignment, including one new or unfamiliar vocabulary word you found while reading this article and its definition.

Copy & paste a complete URL for me to visit the website for the article.



| Category | Great (5) | Good (4) | Needs Improvement (3) | Unsatisfactory (2) |
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| Organization | <p>Assignment heading includes: name, period, due date</p> <p>Article heading includes: article title, author, source, date of publication</p> | one or two items are missing from the heading requirements | more than two items are missing from the heading requirements | No heading |
| Paragraph 1 Summary | <p>The main idea of the article is clearly explained. The reader of your summary understands exactly what the article is about.</p> | <p>The main idea of the article is not clear or key information is missing. Paragraph is choppy and doesn't flow smoothly.</p> | <p>The summary is unclear, confusing, and/or contains mistakes. Paragraph is not well constructed.</p> | Summary not included. |
| Paragraph 2 Reaction | <p>Reaction is thoughtful, reflective, and connects the information in the article to new situations, class topics, or further exploration.</p> | <p>Reaction is brief and/or not much detail was used. Student did not connect to or expand on the information learned.</p> | <p>Reaction does not demonstrate much thought or expansion and application.</p> | Reaction not included. |
| Spelling, Facts, Vocabulary | <p>Spelling and grammar are 100%, facts are accurate, and a vocabulary word with definition are included.</p> | <p>Spelling, grammar, and facts only have 1-2 minor mistakes. Vocabulary is included.</p> | <p>Proofreading is needed. Facts are inaccurate. or vocabulary word section is incomplete or incorrect.</p> | <p>Major proofreading is needed. Vocabulary section not included.</p> |
| Article Choice | <p>The article chosen is scientific in nature, relevant, no more than 3 years old. The URL link is included.</p> | <p>The article is mostly scientific in nature and/or may be older than 3 years. Link not included.</p> | <p>The article is not recent or relevant.</p> | <p>The article is not scientific.</p> |