

Mr. Cole's Absence Make-up Assignment

Engineering Article Summary

You will find an article about any engineering topic, write an summary/critique of the article, then explain it to me. The article can come from any credible source: Internet, magazine, newspaper, etc. Each complete and correct article summary you turn in and present will make up one absence.

Process

- Find an appropriate article about any engineering or technology topic. It must be of acceptable length and subject matter – if you are unsure, ask me before using it.
- Write a summary of the article IN YOUR WORDS. Tell me what it is about in at least 10 complete sentences.
- Write a critique of the article IN YOUR WORDS. In at least 5 complete sentences, tell me your opinion of the article – what you think about the topic, how it applies to you, what you might do with the information, etc.
- Cite the article. Your citation must include the following:
 - Author (who wrote it) – if you can't find the author, then you may leave this out
 - Name of the article – title at the top of the article or web page you're reading
 - Name of the publication – name of the web site, magazine, newspaper, etc.
 - Date it was published – if you can't find this, use the current date
 - Web address – if you're using a web site, include the exact address of the page you're reading
- Turn it in by the due date. The due date will be given to you.
- Tell me in person about the article. You must explain the article, what it was about, and what you thought. This is a very short face-to-face presentation that you must do this without using the written document. This cannot be done during class – it must be done before or after school (check with me ahead of time to make sure I'm available).

Recommendations and Hints

- Find an article long enough that you can summarize it in at least 10 sentences. If the article is only a couple of paragraphs, then you won't have enough information to summarize.
- Find articles about things you like. Articles on phone technology, computers, electronics, video gaming, robotics, cars, and similar subjects are usually ok.
- I'm not too picky about citation format, but you do need to include the required information. Use an online source like easybib.com for your citations. With these, you just enter the information and it does the formatting work for you.

Grading

- To receive credit, your article summary must meet all of the criteria below. There is no partial credit. The following checklist will be used to grade your article summary.

Criteria	Y/N
Summary of article, 10 or more complete sentences	
Critique/opinion of article, 5 or more complete sentences	
Citation, contains all required information	
Summary and critique in YOUR WORDS, no plagiarism or copy/paste	
Face-to-face explanation of article covers everything	