

The World In The News



How To Complete A
Current Event
Assignment

Instructions:

- The purpose of this activity is to make you more aware of what is going on in our world, to increase your reading comprehension skills, and to be able to classify material under specific headings.
- News articles will be due each week of the quarter. Each week a current event will be handed out unless our class is not in session on a Friday. There will also be a break during the last week of each quarter.



What Will I Read About?

- Each time an article is handed out, you will need to determine which of the categories listed below it would best fall under.
- There are 7 categories to choose from. Your instruction sheet has a summary of what types of articles would fall under each category.



What are the categories?

- **There are 7 available categories: Take a look at your instruction sheet to see a brief description of what each category means.**
- **Political**
- **Economic**
- **Social**
- **Cultural**
- **Intellectual**
- **Religious**
- **Geographic**



Let's try working on the assignment together..

1. **READ THE ARTICLE:** While you are reading, highlight key points.
2. Determine the **Category** from the list on your instruction sheet. Write your choice on the top of your paper
3. After determining the category, in the space designated as **Connection**, justify why the article would fit in the category you selected.



1. Look on the right hand side of the handout. Locate in the article the answers to these four questions:

- **Who** is the article about ?
- **What** is the article about ?
- **Where** did the article take place ?
- **When** was the story written ?
- Answers in this section may be brief, a few words at the most.



Summary

- Write a summary about the article which consists of a **minimum** of 5 sentences. In this section of the assignment you will **describe what the story was about**. Be sure to include the **names of the people** involved and then identify and **describe 3 key points** related to the article. Summaries should be in paragraph form using complete sentences.



Opinion

- In the other section, write an opinion about the article **with a minimum** of 5 sentences. In this section of the assignment you are to address at least two of the **“Think About It”** items at the end of the article. You may also discuss how this story relates to what we are covering this week. Opinions should be in paragraph form and written in complete sentences.



When is it due?

- Articles are to be turned in each Friday. (unless I give you the week off)
- YOU are responsible for completing the assignment each week.
- If you need an article, pick one up in class during the week. They are handed out on Monday.
- **DO NOT COME LOOKING FOR ONE ON FRIDAY!**



Forms are available

- If you forget how to do the assignment, look over the instructions and review the sample form given out to you.
- This presentation will also be up on the website to remind you.



REMEMBER...

- In order to live in our world as a responsible citizen, you must know what is going on in it.



Summary starters: (at least 5 sentences)

- This article is about a conflict between _____ and _____. The leaders of these two countries are _____ and _____. The island of _____ is the possible target of _____. The island of _____ is important to the US because _____.

The president of the United States said the country of _____ would “ _____ ” if it continued to _____.



Think About it: (at least 5 sentences)

- Start each response with either I think, I feel, or I believe...
- Be sure to include the question in your response.
- Examples: (2 -3 sentences for each response.
- I believe if I were living in Guam I would feel _____ because _____
- I think Kim Jong-un chose to threaten Guam because _____
- This article ties to what we are learning in civics because _____

