

Current Events Assignment
Grading Criteria

It is very important for people to know and understand health research, important health events, and news that relates to our health and well-being on a variety of topics. The Global impact on health developments is imperative to our understanding of current events in health as well, and the connections between the United States and other parts of the world.

You will be required to complete a current events assignment on a *monthly* basis, and the following is a list of the grading criteria:

1. Health Topic - 1 point

- a. What is the topic of your article? (This is usually given based on the week's lessons.)

2. Article Title - 1 point

- a. What is the title of the article? (Please use exact wording)

3. Article Source - 1 point

- a. Where did you get the article?

4. Summary of Article - 2 points

- a. Briefly, and in your own words, summarize the content of the article.
- b. Make sure you highlight the KEY IDEAS of the article in *your own words*.
- c. Three sentence minimum.

5. Reaction - 5 points

- a. Take a position on the issue contained in the article.
- b. How do you feel about the information?
- c. How does/or could the information affect you and your family?
- d. Five sentence minimum.

6. World and Community Impact - 5 points

- a. How does/or could this information or event impact the world?
- b. How does/or could this information or event impact your community?
- c. What could the direct impact be to people? What group(s) of people? Why?
- d. Who could this information be useful for? Why?
- e. Five sentence minimum.

15 Points Total + extra points if you present to the class.

Cut out, print, photocopy, or e-mail the article (to smagnetico@newpaltz.k12.ny.us) and attach it to YOUR written thoughts. If you do not include the article, the assignment is worth **half credit**. More credit may be earned if you present your assignment to the class for discussion, if time allows us.

This is not a critique of whether the article is good or bad. This assignment is reasoned opinion of the issue presented and to get you to explore your attitudes/thoughts/beliefs on various health topics in the current world.

Current Events Grading Rubric

	5	4	3	2	1	TO POIN EARS
Health Topic (Worth 1 Point)					The topic of the article was given.	
Article Title (Worth 1 Point)					The title of the article was clear.	
Article Source (Worth 1 Point)					The source of the article was apparent.	
Summary of Article (Worth 2 Points)				The article was summarized in your own words and key ideas were highlighted.	The article was not summarized in own words or key ideas were not highlighted.	
Reaction (Worth 5 Points)	All 4 requirements were met under this heading.	3 requirements were met under this heading.	2 requirements were met under this heading.	1 requirement was met under this heading.	A "Reaction" was poorly given or did not meet any requirements.	
Impact (Worth 5 Points)	All 5 requirements were met under this heading.	4 of the requirements were met under this heading.	3 of the requirements were met under this heading	2 of the requirements were met under his heading.	Only one requirement was met under this heading.	