



Weekly Current Event

Due: Every Wednesday

Procedure:

Step 1: Answer the following questions about your article on a separate sheet of lined paper.

1. What is the title and date of the article?
2. Who is the author of the article?
3. What is the source? (What newspaper or magazine is it from?)
4. Who or what is the article about?
5. What happened?
6. When did it happen?
7. Where did it happen?
8. Why did it happen?
9. Why is it important?

Step 2: Write two paragraphs about your article. A good way to organize the paragraphs is by facts and opinions. In the first paragraph, write at least 5 sentences about the **facts** in your article. (who, what, when, where, etc.) In the second paragraph, write at least 5 sentences explaining **your thoughts and opinions** about the article. (Why did you choose the article? What was interesting? What did you learn? etc.)

Step 3: Staple the article to your paper. Make sure you include the entire article. Most articles in the newspaper start on one page and continue on another.

Scoring Guide:

Question 1	3 points
Question 2	1 point
Question 3	1 point
Question 4	5 points
Question 5	5 points
Question 6	5 points
Question 7	5 points
Question 8	5 points
Question 9	15 points
2-Paragraph Summary	50 points
Stapled article	5 points
*Typed	+10 points (Extra Credit)



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. No author?
 - Look at the beginning and end of the article.
 - There might not be one author, it might say “(AP),” which means Associated Press. You can write “AP” or “Associated Press.”
 - If you still can’t find the author, you can use: “staff.” For example: “Portland Tribune Staff” or “Oregonian Staff”

2. No source?
 - The source is where you got your article. List the title of the newspaper or magazine. For example: The Skanner or Sports Illustrated
 - If you use a web site, list the URL for that site. For example: www.cnn.com or www.timeforkids.com

3. Question #1 and Question #6?
 - Question #1 asks you for the date your article was published. It is usually listed at the top of the page. Articles on the Internet often list the date at the end of the article or in the URL.
 - Question #6 asks you when the events in your article happened. Be sure to write the date, not just “Sunday.” If it does not have a specific date, write: “on-going.” For example: Global warming is an on-going issue, most articles would not have a specific time. However, if the article is about a conference about global warming, it will have an exact date.