

Current Events Assignment

How To Do The Written Report:

Obtain a recent (no more than 2 weeks old) science/health related article from a newspaper, magazine, or from a reputable Internet news source. The article should be at least a page in length. Print, copy or cut out the article. You should then read and highlight the important information in the article. After you have read the article, on a piece of paper do the following:

1. Name of the article and author (if not listed, use “editorial staff).
2. Source and specific location of the article (for Internet articles list the full web address).
3. Write a brief paragraph or two (6 -10 complete sentences) that describes what the article was about. (Ex. This article called _____ was about....etc.).
4. List 3-5 things you learned from reading this article, or how the information in this article could be applied to help people. The information you list should be accurate and written in your own words. Again you should use complete sentences.

How To Do The Class Presentation:

Using the information learned from the current event and your written report you will give a 3-5 minute in class presentation on your current event. The goal of this in class presentation is to inform myself, and your classmates about the current event you researched. The guidelines for the presentation are as follows:

1. Summarize your article. Please do not read it word for word from the source or from your summary. You should be familiar enough with this article to talk about it without the need of your report.
2. Tell us what you learned from the article, or how you think the information in this article could be applied to help people.
3. Be prepared to answer questions from the class and me.

Due dates: Current events will be due on Tuesdays. If it is your week to do a current event please be ready to go on the assigned Tuesday. Students not ready to present will lose 50% of the points possible for their current event. The order will be chosen at random and you may not use a coupon for any portion of this assignment. A student may earn extra credit by completing one additional current event assignment during the semester.