

Current Events - Science

Life Science – Mr. Ferguson

Find one current science related article from a newspaper, Internet or magazine. The article can be related to any area of science, such as life, physical, earth or health sciences. You will be assigned a current event at the beginning of each month that will be due at the end of the month (Mr. Ferguson will issue dates as assigned). Each current event is worth 25 points.

Assignment Guidelines:

Typed (if possible, otherwise VERY neatly written)

Include the proper heading and two paragraphs

Double spaced (if typing)

Use complete sentences

Double-check your spelling and your facts!

***Attach a copy of the article to the back of your assignment.**

Your current event assignment should be written and organized as follows:

Your First and Last Name

Class Period#

Due Date

Title of Article

Author

Source of Article (newspaper/magazine name or complete website address)

Date Article was Written (must be less than a month old)

Paragraph One: (Summary)

Write a summary of the article using your own words. Assume that you are *educating* your reader about this topic, be sure to include helpful background information and the main point the author is trying to make. If you did not enjoy the article you find or do not understand it - find a different current event article! It should be informative and interesting to your audience – and you!

Paragraph Two: (Reaction)

Write a thoughtful and reflective reaction to what you read. Some ideas to get you thinking *could* include answering ONE or TWO of the following questions. Do NOT answer all the questions, pick one or two and write a thoughtful and reflective reaction. These are just suggestions to get you thinking:

* What did you learn that was new and how would you apply this information to a different situation or setting? (How else could this knowledge be used?)

*How does this relate to what we are learning/have learned in previous science classes or your other core or elective classes? (Connect and compare it to your learning)

*What further questions do you have about this topic? (Construct new questions for the author, what else should be explored?)

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Rubric

Category	Satisfactory (5)	Needs Improvement (3)	Unsatisfactory (0)
Organization	Assignment heading includes: Name Period Due Date Article Heading Includes: Article Title Author Source Date of Publication	One or two items are missing from the heading requirements	More than two items are missing from the heading requirements
Paragraph 1 Summary	The main idea of the article is explained. The reader of your summary understands exactly what the article is about. A thesis statement and supporting quote from the article are included	The main idea of the article is not clear or key information is missing.	The summary is unclear, confusing, and/or contains mistakes.
Paragraph 2 Reaction	Reaction is thoughtful, reflective, and connects the information in the article to new situations, class topics, or further exploration	Reaction is brief and/or not much detail was used. Student did not connect to or expand on the information learned.	Reaction does not demonstrate much thought or expansion and application.
Spelling, Facts, Vocabulary	Spelling and grammar are 100%, facts are accurate	Spelling, grammar, and facts only have 1-2 minor mistakes.	Major proofreading is needed. Facts are inaccurate.
Article Attached	Yes	----	No

Current Events Grade _____/25

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Example

Joel Ferguson

Period

Due Date

A bionic Eye that Restores Sight

Rachel E. Gross

The Atlantic

9/1/14

The article that I read talked about a new procedure that taps into the eye's natural abilities by bridging the gap between the visual signal and brain. An individual who is blind can have the ability to see again with the use of a small video camera affixed to a pair of sunglasses, which sends visual data to an electrode-covered microchip implanted at the back of the eye. They use the electrodes because they replace the damaged retinal cells.

To me this is something that is very cool and exciting. It is the first FDA-approved visual prosthesis for implants, which is groundbreaking in the line of sight. Hopefully they will continue to have good results and everyone who needs sight will have the option to have it. Just think, individuals who are blind or are becoming blind have the ability to see again!