

**Science Department Current Events Grading Rubric
DUE ON THE FIRST SCHOOL DAY OF THE MONTH**

Total 18 Points Possible

Guidelines:

- Obtain an article (dated within one year): may be a magazine, newspaper, web-article, or other as approved by teacher.
- Write a response to the article as follows:
 - **First Paragraph:** Describe the main ideas of the article, who it was written by, where the article came from.
 - **Second Paragraph:** *In your own words*, summarize the three main ideas of the article.
 - **Third Paragraph:** Explain how this article connects to your class. Also in this section, explain the validity/reliability of the source from which the article was obtained.
 - **APA citation**
- This rubric and a copy of your article must be given to your teacher *no later than* the due date for the assignment
- Your current event must be submitted on Edmodo or in class *no later than* the due date published
- The current event is entered into the gradebook as a Lab.

| Category | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
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| Summarize Content | Information from news article is clearly summarized. Introduction is comprehensive. Includes three supporting details. | Information from news article is clearly summarized. Introduction is clear. Includes two supporting details. | Summary may be unclear or incomplete. Only one supporting detail. | Too much information was copied from the article or important details are left out. |
| Connection | Insightfully makes multiple connections to science. | Makes appropriate connections to science. | Connections are not relevant or are in error. | No connections were made. |
| Validity/Reliability | Correctly identifies the validity of the source of the article and can defend the author's qualifications and/or reliability. | | Missing either the validity of the source or author's reliability. | Validity/reliability not mentioned. |
| MLA | Correct APA format and citation of the article | Few errors with APA format or the article citation. | Many errors with APA formatting or citation | Does not include an APA citation |
| Style | Writer makes little or no errors in grammar or spelling. Every paragraph contains sentences that are well-constructed. | Writer makes very few errors in grammar or spelling. Most sentences are well-constructed. | Writer makes some major errors in grammar or spelling. Some sentences may not be well-constructed | Writer makes many errors in grammar or spelling. Sentences lack structure and appear incomplete or are confusing. |
| Attachments | Rubric and original article attached to the current event | | Missing either rubric or article. | Neither rubric nor article attached. |

Name: _____ Total Points Earned _____