

CURRENT EVENT ARTICLES World Geography

This article may come from a newspaper (paper or on-line) or magazine. You must include the name of the newspaper or magazine (this is the source) and its date. Two articles will be due each nine weeks.

During the year you must include one article from each of the current event topics that are listed. They must be about countries outside of the United States. The topics that you are to choose from are on the back of this paper. The time frame you may choose articles from is January 2009 to May 2010.

The article and the source and date information must be mounted on construction paper – 9”x11” with a matted format. Place your typed heading in the upper right hand corner of the article side of the construction paper. On the backside of the construction paper include a summary of the article. The summary must be mounted on the back of the construction paper also with a matted format. The first paragraph is a summary of the article, a minimum of four sentences. In the second paragraph you must show how the article meets the definition of the topic, it must be a minimum of two sentences. Your article must be long enough to summarize.

This will count as one test grade. Late articles will be accepted one class day after the due date for twenty points off the original grade.

Current Event Assessment:

Name & Heading: 5 points

Neatness: 5 points

Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation: 10 points

Article: 40 points

Source information: 5 points

Date information: 5 points

Meets the criteria for the topic selected: 20 points

About a country outside the U.S.: 10 points

Summary: 40 points

Summary of the article: 30 points

Includes how the article meets the definition of the topic: 10 points

Current Event Topics:

You may use each topic only once during the year. You may choose which one you want to use each time an article is due.

Politics and World Leaders:

Government leaders make decisions that affect citizens in their own countries and in the rest of the world. Elections, treaties, trade agreements, and changes in government systems are examples of political news.

Law:

The making and breaking of laws has always been of interest to people. Famous trials, crimes and punishments, and current bills under consideration often spark controversy and are considered newsworthy.

Health and Medicine:

Developments in disease prevention and treatment, new fitness trends, nutrition and wellness information, and environmental factors that influence people's health are things people want to know about.

Science and Technology:

Scientific research, important discoveries, and technological advancements affect people around the world. Developments in the fields of communication, space exploration, chemistry, energy, biology, and environmental science are examples of this type of news.

Business:

Major corporations and small businesses can make decisions that have national and sometimes international impact. News about the stock market is an indicator of the health of an economy.

War:

Throughout history people have struggled to change the circumstances of their lives through warfare. News about wars and acts of terrorism can sometimes make world peace seem like an elusive goal.

Culture:

Culture refers to the way people live, such as their language, their customs, their music, and their beliefs. Around the world people celebrate their cultures through art, religion, holidays, and traditions.

Weather:

Weather conditions affect travel, crops, and daily routines. From cold fronts and droughts which cause inconvenience and hardship, to blizzards, tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes which can endanger human life, weather is an important and ever-changing news event.

