

Biology News Now (Current Event) Instructions Spring 1011

Assignment: Prepare 2 current event articles.

The matted summaries and articles are due March 31, 2011. NO Late work accepted.

ALL articles MUST be preapproved! Articles not preapproved will not be graded.

The subject of each current event may be anything related to **biology**. Your textbook is a good source of ideas.

“Now” for this assignment means that the information was published for the first time within the last six months of the due date.

“Event” indicates that something happened: a new species was discovered, a cure for a disease is being investigated, a fully robotic arm was used by someone born without arms... It is not a “how to”, advice column, letter to the editor or editorial.

Your source may include: a hardcopy (no on-line editions) magazine, journal or newspaper. The article must be not less than ten paragraphs and not more than thirty paragraphs.

Articles must be neatly trimmed and matted on a piece of construction paper or card stock (9x11 inches). The source, date, page number and published date must be mounted with the article.

A summary, in paragraph form, of each article is required. The summaries are to be typed, using size 10 Times New Roman font, double-spaced, and in your own words. You are to include who, what, when, where, why of the event in your summary. Examples of these are below. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are required. The summary is to be mounted on the back of the construction paper or cardstock on which you mounted your article. A MLA heading is required on the summary.

Who – the person or group doing the research, the person the article is about, the person or group that discovered something.

What - what is being researched, what was discovered, what is happening.

Where – the location of the research lab, the location where something was found, the location of the event,

When – The date the event occurred, a reference to a time period (during the last two years), or “recently” if a date is not given but a recent date is implied.

Why – What was the reason for the research/discovery. There may be articles that do not include a why (accidental discovery of something).

The grade for this “News Now” project will be posted in the test, written work and lab categories.

Rubric

For each current event article:

- 6 Article current – within last six months (proof of source, date and page number needed)
 - 12 Summary accurate and answers the “w” questions (must be in paragraph form)
 - 5 Summary typed as per instructions, (font, style, grammar, spelling, punctuation, own words)
 - 2 Summary and article mounted as per instructions
- 25 points