

WORLD GEOGRAPHY HONORS
CURRENT EVENT ARTICLES

This article must come from a newspaper, magazine, or the Internet. Only **TWO** Internet articles are allowed for the entire year. You must include the name of the newspaper or magazine (this is the source) and its date. This cannot be handwritten or typed. (It must come from the original source). Internet articles must also include the **web address**. Internet articles are accepted only from reputable sources (Wall Street Journal, Houston Chronicle, etc.) 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 (foreign countries). NO U.S. articles are accepted. The topics you are to choose from are on the back of this paper. The time frame you may choose articles from is January 2010 to May 2011.

The article, the source, and date information must be mounted on construction or cardstock paper (9" x 12")(No larger sizes) with a matted format. Place your heading in the UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER of the article side of the construction paper (also matted). Type your name and heading (always double-space). On the backside of the construction paper include a summary of the article. Do not cut the summary page paper down. Your choice to mat the back page. The first two paragraphs are a summary of the article (minimum of 10 sentences). In the last paragraph you must show how the article meets the definition of the topic; it must be a minimum of two sentences. (Double-space all typing!!) Your article must be long enough to summarize (a minimum of **TEN** paragraphs)! All writing must be typed. Do not use quotes in your summary.

This will count as one test grade. Late articles will be accepted one day after the due date for twenty (20) points off the original grade.

Due Dates:

1st 9 Weeks	2nd 9 Weeks	3rd 9 Weeks	4th 9 Weeks
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.

Current Event Assessment:

Name & Heading: 5 Points

Neatness: 5 Points

Article cut neatly

Placement on page is straight

Writing is neat and legible

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.