

PPCA Journal Article Summary
(formerly Current Events)

Once per month, students will be responsible for submitting a one-page typewritten summary of a recent scientific journal article. The article should be less than one year old, and it should pertain to science. It does not have to deal specifically with chemistry – it could be about physics, medicine, geology, astronomy, engineering, or any other realm of natural science. (Please do not write about the social sciences, like psychology or economics.)

The scientific research article should come from a reputable scientific journal. JSTOR.org and PLOSONE.org are excellent online sources for peer-reviewed academic publications. You may also go to a library to find academic journals. There is a list of additional resources under the ‘Chemistry -> Resources’ tab on the class website. The article should be cited, and link provided if an online resource.

On the day that the current event is submitted, which is usually the last Friday of the month, students will give a 2-3 minute oral summary of their article, why they chose that article, and its potential impact on society.

The summary should include, and will be graded on, the following information:

Citation - Appropriateness of Journal	5 pts
Summary - What was the article about, in your own words.	5 pts
-Why did you choose to review this article?	
-What potential impact will this discovery/event/research have on you, your community, the USA, and the world?	
Defend your opinion of how the discovery may impact the community.	10 pts
Article must be typed.	5 pts
An oral summary must be presented to the class	5 pts