

Science Current Events

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

The article can come from a magazine, newspaper, or reputable online source. Regardless of where the article comes from, a copy of the original article (or the web address where it is found) needs to be attached to your typewritten assignment.

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 the following information:

- Summarize the article (what was it about?)
(Standard LAFS.68.RST.1.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.)
- What is the author's purpose in writing this article?
(Standard LAFS.68.RST.2.6 - Analyze the authors purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.)
- Are the author's claims valid? Why or why not?
(Standard LAFS.68.RST.3.8 - Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.)
- Why did you choose to review this article?
- What impact will this discovery/event/research have on you, your community, the USA, and the world? Defend your opinion of how the discovery will impact these areas.
(Standard LAFS.68.WHST.1.1 - Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.)
- Article should be typed.
- An oral summary will be presented to the class