

Current Event Information Sheet (Directions)

Over the course of each academic quarter, you will be asked to complete five Free Reading summaries. You may choose an article from one of the websites under the "Current Events" on the class website or you may choose an article from one of the following magazines (found in class or in the Ballston Spa Middle School Library).

Current Science

Discover

Kids Discover

National Geographic*

National Geographic World*

National Wildlife*

Natural History*

Ranger Rick

Popular Science*

Science World

* Please make sure you understand the article completely, as these texts can get complicated.



Your summary must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The article that you choose to review must be at least 1 full page in length, including pictures (please make sure it is a full article).
2. You must do a summary on one of the provided report sheets.
 - a. The heading must be filled out in full;
 - b. The citation must be completely filled in, including underlining the magazine title and putting the article title in quotations.
 - c. You must find two main ideas that are conveyed to the reader in the article and support each idea with seven supporting facts/details. If you cannot find two main ideas with seven supporting facts/details, the article that you have chosen is probably not a good one to use.
 - d. All ideas written must be in note form- no lists, no capital letters! Do not copy ideas word-for-word out of the literary work- put them in your own words.
 - e. These summaries are to be turned in (with a copy of the article attached if it is from an on-line source) in the ORANGE FOLDER.

***** If any of these conditions fail to be met, you will continue to receive the summary back in your color-coded class folder until it is completely correct: only then will it be counted.*****

3. You must complete five article summaries per quarter on your own time (plan ahead). These reports comprise 5% of your overall quarter grade.