

Science in the News Assignment Sheet

Science and technology dramatically affect the society in which we all live. New discoveries and applications are constantly being revealed. It is important for you as students and young adults to know and understand the impact science and technology has on your daily life.

As a means of encouraging you to be aware of the world around you, and develop critical thinking skills, you are required to do "Science in the News" assignments.

This is not a research project; one well-written and complete page may be fine. You should be thoughtful and analytical in your reading and writing about the articles you choose. If you do not understand anything you have read, get another article! Neatness, proper spelling and grammar are required!

Good places to look for articles:

Scientific American	http://www.scientificamerican.com/
NASA – Science News	http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/
Popular Science	http://www.popsoci.com/
Science News for Kids	http://www.sciencenews.org/view/Interest/Id/3/topic/Science News For Kids
Science Daily	http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/

Requirements:

Heading: *Newspaper or periodical:* Title of article, name of reporter or news service it is from, publication the article was in, date of publication.

Internet: Name of website, who or what organization the site is from, date accessed and web address

Summary: Review and summarize the article in your own words. Show an understanding of what you have read.

Answer the following questions:

(You must use complete sentences that indicate what the question was. You may answer the questions individually, or you may write a paragraph format as long as these questions are covered. Be thoughtful and complete in your answers.)

1. Why did you pick this article?
2. What was the author's purpose or point in writing this article?
3. What impact is this discovery/news having now, and what implications or possibilities are there for the future?
4. Are there any political or moral aspects to the news? Explain why or why not. What do you think?
5. What are some comments or ideas you might have after reading this article? (Did you enjoy it, did it accomplish what the author intended, did you learn something, do you see a situation differently now, etc? Give your thoughts and opinions about what you read.)

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