



Environmental Issues Newspaper Article



Task:

You have just been hired as a reporter for AZ Central. Your job is to bring attention to one of many environmental issues facing the world today.

You can select from any of the following issues or check with your teacher for other approved issues to research.

For this assignment we will be using Microsoft Word Newsletter. To access this program click open Microsoft word click New→Newsletters→ Download. You may select which ever format you would like; but remember we will not be printing our articles in color so choose one that functions easily.

Environmental Research topics

Climate change - global warming, global dimming, sea level rise, greenhouse gas

Fossil fuels -energy conservation, renewable energy, nonrenewable energy, efficient energy use

Habitat destruction- Rainforest

Land degradation - land pollution, desertification

Soil - soil conservation, soil erosion, soil contamination, habitat destruction

Nanotechnology - nanopollution, recycling phones, recycling technology instruments,

Nuclear issues - nuclear power, high-level radioactive waste management

Overpopulation - effect of human population on water sources, overconsumption

Ozone depletion - CFC's (chlorofluorocarbons)

Water Pollution - oil spills, ocean dumping, ship pollution,

Water Pollution - marine pollution, thermal pollution, wastewater, algal bloom, fish kill,

Air pollution - smog, tropospheric ozone, sulphur oxide

Overfishing - whaling, bottom trawling, ghost nets

Logging - deforestation, clear cutting, reforestation (Ghana)

Waste - litter, E-waste, medical waste, landfill, recycling, incineration

You will need to gather details about the environmental issue you choose and include the following in your article:

- A Big Catchy Headline- This will be the overall title of your news article.
- Captions: These will be the sub-categories within your article.
- Author's Name (your name)
- Article Date: Today's date
- A summary of what the environmental issue is and who is impacted.
- Why the environmental issue is important. In other words, why should we care?
- Graphs or pictures showing how the planet is being impacted.
- What will happen if the problem continues?
- What can we do to help resolve the environmental issue?

Please refer to the Newspaper Article Rubric attached to this Explanation Sheet

Newspaper Article Checklist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Author's Name: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is it single-spaced? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have you included the <u>Newspaper's Name</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Does it report the story with <u>details</u> ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a <u>date</u> when the article is published? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can you tell who the audience is? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the article include <u>headline</u> and <u>caption</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Is it <u>well-written</u> and <u>organized</u> ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the headline grab your attention? | <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any <u>spelling, punctuation and</u> capitalization errors? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is it typed? (Final draft must be typed!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you included a variety of photographs and or graphs? |

The final portion of this assignment will be to create a short vuvox that shows pictures of how the environmental issue is impacting the planet. For example: If you wrote your article about oil spills, you could show pictures of how the BP oil spill has impacted the gulf coast.



CATEGORY	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Satisfactory (2)	Needs Improvement (1)
Articles – Purpose	The article establishes a clear purpose in the lead paragraph and demonstrates a clear understanding of the topic.	The article establishes a purpose in the lead paragraph and demonstrates an understanding of the topic.	The article has a purpose in the lead paragraph, but it is difficult to determine. The writer has a vague understanding of the topic.	The reader cannot determine the purpose of the article and the writer does not demonstrate an understanding of the topic.
Articles - Supporting Details (You need at least <u>10</u> specific details)	The details in the article are clear, effective, and vivid.	The details in the article are clear and pertinent.	The details in the article are somewhat clear and pertinent.	The article is lacking in clear and pertinent details.
Layout - Columns	Columns are neatly typed in the "justified" type style. There are adequate and consistent "gutters" between all columns. A glance at the newspaper makes you think "professional."	Columns are neatly typed. There are adequate and consistent "gutters" between all columns. A glance at the newspaper makes you think "fairly professional."	Columns are typed. There are adequate "gutters" between most columns. This newspaper is easy to read, but looks somewhat unprofessional.	Columns are not neatly typed and/or "gutters" are not adequate, so newspaper is somewhat difficult to read.
Layout - Headlines & Captions	All articles have headlines and captions that capture the reader's attention and accurately describe the content.	All articles have headlines and captions that accurately describe the content.	Most articles have headlines and captions that accurately describe the content.	Articles do not have adequate headlines or captions.
Picture (You Need to Find a Picture Taken During the Strike)	Graphics are exceptional, well-cropped and are clearly related to the article they accompany.	Graphics are interesting and are clearly related to the article they accompany.	Graphics are somewhat related to the article they accompany.	Graphics are not clearly related to the article.
Spelling and Proofreading	No spelling errors remain after one or more people (in addition to the typist) read and correct the newspaper.	No more than one spelling error remains after one or more people (in addition to the typist) read and correct the newspaper.	No more than three spelling errors remain after one or more people (in addition to the typist) read and correct the newspaper.	Several spelling errors remain in the final copy of the newspaper.

