

## Earth Science Current Events

### **What is a current event?**

A current event is something that has happened (event) in the world recently (current). In this class, you should focus on events dealing with the natural world or human interaction with it.

### **Why have a current event?**

The intent of the assignment is to encourage you to connection what we discuss in class with what is occurring outside of class. You will be asked to think critically about how these events/ discoveries impact our lives and the future of our society.

### **Article Requirements:**

- The article should be at least four paragraphs long.
- You may obtain an article from a variety of sources (New York Times, Connecticut Post, Newsweek, Time Magazine, or trustworthy sites on the internet).
- The article must be news related to what we cover in Environmental Earth Science and should have been **published within the last two months.**
- In order to receive credit for the assignment, you must include a formal reference for the article you chose.

### **Written Organization:**

1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph:

Your first paragraph should include a summary of the article. It must contain at least five sentences.

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph(s):

The body of your paper is where you express your opinions and beliefs. You may use the following questions to help you organize your thoughts-

- How does the material in the article affect my life?
- How does the material in the article affect the planet?
- How does the material in the article affect society (all humans)?
- Do I have any questions on the topic?

4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph:

This should complete and summarize your overall opinions on the topic.

\*\*You are basically looking at a three to four paragraph response in reviewing the article.

Grading-

Appropriate Article	=	5 points
Summary	=	5 points
Your Thoughts	=	5 points
Work Cited	=	5 points

## Due Dates:

Your current event review will be handed in on the following dates:

September	8 29
October	20
November	10
December	1
January	5 19
February	16
March	9 30
April	20
May	11

## Links for articles:

<http://www.cnn.com/>  
<http://www.usatoday.com/>  
<http://www.npr.org/>  
<http://www.sciencemag.org/>  
<http://www.nature.com/news/index.html>

## Referencing your article from a web source:

Author's Lastname, Firstname. "Page Title." Title of Larger Website (if any). Date of Electronic Publication/Last Upload. Day Month Year of Access.  
<<http://www.URL.com>>.

## Example:

Smith, Frank. "Rocks are Cool." The Rock Web-Site. 24 August 2009. 1 September 2009.  
<[www.rocksarereallycool.com](http://www.rocksarereallycool.com)>.