

Current Event Writing Reminders

Heading

- If there is no author write “Staff”
- The source is where the article was originally printed~ look underneath the headline for a newspaper’s name. Just because you found the article in the Providence Journal does not mean that the source is the ProJo.
- The second date line is for the date of the article

Summarizing Sentence(s)

- One or two sentences giving an overview of what the article is about. You do not need to provide specific details in this section. Hint: use the bold headline to help you!

Main Ideas

- As you are reading the article underline, highlight, or circle the key points in the article. Focusing on the “who” and the “where”.

Connection

- Make at least one clear connection to the topic of the article
- Text – text, text – world, text – self (see the connection cheat sheet for help)
- One clear and detailed connection is better than two short ones.
- Two detailed and clear connections are better than one clear detailed connection!!

Writing Tips

- Avoid writing in the first person when summarizing the article (ex. “I”)
- Avoid possessive pronouns when writing your summarizing sentences (ex. “we, us, our, my...”)
- **CAPITALIZE** names, places, and the first word of each new sentence
- Use pronouns only after you have identified who or what you are referring to
- Write small numbers out- (ex. write “four” rather than writing “4”)
- Do not use abbreviations
- Do not use symbols in your writing (&, *, @, #, ☺☹☼☽©弦限麾)
- Avoid excessive use of exclamation points!!!!
- Indent new paragraphs when writing your connection
- Write a rough draft first, proofread, then write a final copy



Commonly Misspelled Words

artical -> article

beleive -> believe

tomarrow -> tomorrow

Wenesday -> Wednesday

calender -> calendar

definatly -> definitely

thier -> their

suceed -> succeed

accepteble -> acceptable

lisense -> license

exemple -> example

hurrican -> hurricane

recieve -> receive

alot -> a lot

scheduel -> schedule

The word document of the Current Event Assignment Form is on the website~ download it and type your assignment. Use the tools of Microsoft Word (dictionary, grammar check, and thesaurus).

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