

CURRENT EVENT SUMMARY SHEET

How to prepare a current event

1. Find an article to read and present. The issues involved should be current (within the last week). Use newspapers, news magazines, or the Internet to find your article. A good website to use is <http://bbcnews.com>.
2. Read the article.
3. Identify any words or terminology with which you are unfamiliar. Familiarize yourself with these terms. Write these terms here:
4. Include the **full** MLA reference to your article (**required for a “C” or better**):

Good online tools include www.citationmachine.net and www.bibme.com.

Writing about your current event

*Directions: Read each of the steps and questions below. Write your responses in **complete sentences**. Please **use proper conventions** when writing your responses. You may answer the questions on this sheet, write on your own paper, or type your responses.*

1. Summarize the article by answering these questions (**required for a “C” or better**):

What is the article about?

Who is the article about?

Where did the events in the article take place?

When did the events in the article take place?

Why did the events in the article take place (reason)?

How did the events in the article take place (process)?

2. How does this article relate to the five themes of geography? **(required for a “B” or “A”)**
Explain.

Location =

Place =

H/EI=

Movement =

Region =

3. Analyze the article by identifying these types of issues in your article. **(required for a “B” or an “A”)**

Political issues = concern governments, politics, interactions of a political nature among countries, policies/procedures resulting from governments, etc.

Economic issues = concern the exchange of money, goods, and/or services, trade policies, budgetary issues, costs involved, etc.

Social issues = concern the interactions between or among social groups of people, such as families, neighborhoods, age groups, etc.

Cultural issues = concern the values and beliefs of a specific group or groups of people, such as traditions, customs, religious beliefs, ethnic groups, etc.

4. What is your reaction to this article? (What do you think about it? How do you feel about it?) Explain your reaction. **(required for a “C” or better)**