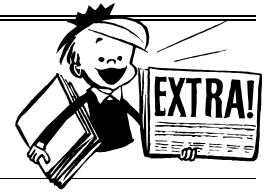


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GUIDELINES

1. Find an article that **interests** you from a **recent** newspaper or magazine. The subject must be from a **earth science-related topic**. Articles outside this theme **will not be accepted!** If in doubt, ask your teacher!! The length of the article must be at least **1000 words** of text. “*Current*” means within three months...but, this number can be waived by your teacher for exceptional articles (pre-approval required).

2. **Part I:** Summarize the article by addressing the key points and author’s conclusion (at least 250 words).

Part II: What do you think about the subject of this article? Is it *good science*? How could it be useful to you in class or in “everyday” life (50-100 words).

3. **Staple** a copy of the article to this cover sheet along with your essay.

4. Your grade will be determined by the following scoring rubric:

	(5 pts) Exceeds Standards	(4 pts) Meets Standards	(3 pts) Below Standards	(2 pts or less) Well-below Standards
Length of Article		1000 words of text		
Current?	Within 6 weeks	Within 3 months	Within 6 month	
Subject of Article		physics or <i>assigned topic</i> related		
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Typed •size 12 font •double spaced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •legibly written with no cross-outs •this cover sheet, essay, copy of article stapled and “neat” 		
Length of Essay		300 words		
Content and Interpretation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •clear, complete, mostly accurate and to the point •<u>introductory paragraph</u>, a <u>main body</u> of two or more paragraphs and a <u>concluding paragraph</u> (part I) •<u>additional paragraphs</u> of personal commentary (part II) 		