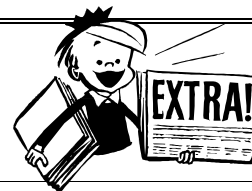


Physics Current Event



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GUIDELINES

1. Find an article that **interests** you from a **recent** newspaper or magazine. The subject must be from a **physics-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 1:** Summarize the article by addressing the key points and author's conclusion (at least 250 words).

Part 2: What do YOU think about this article? Some things to consider: is it *good science*? what does it mean to you in this class or in "everyday" life? did you like it? why did you choose this article, etc.... (at least 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:

(NOTE: "CUTTING & PASTING" directly from the article will result in a ZERO score)

	(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		350 words		
Content and Interpretation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear, complete, mostly accurate • PART 1: introductory paragraph; a main body of two or more paragraphs summarizing key concepts; and a concluding paragraph summarizing author's conclusion • PART 2: additional paragraphs of <u>personal</u> commentary 		