

GHS Environmental Science Current Event Guidelines

To truly appreciate the relationship that humans have with our environment, it is necessary to learn about as many local and current examples of our uses, impacts and relationships with the environment as possible. Often we have a difficult time recognizing how complex environmental problems can be. There are many sides to every debate, and in most cases, no easy solutions. The goal of this course is for you to become more aware of a variety of environmental issues, join in the debate, and become more informed about the world around you, and the impacts of your own decisions. To help in this goal, you will be required to read, summarize and react to a current event each month.

Current events are due on the first school day of each month. (20 points total)

Format:

- **Find an article that you can connect to Environmental Science.** It can be about nature, pollution, global climate change, environmental rules & regulations, electricity, waste management, or anything involving the uses and management of natural resources.
- Your current event must include the following to earn full credit:

Citation: (3 points)

- Title of the article
- Title of magazine or newspaper
- Date (month, year)
- Page number(s)

Summary of the article: (7 points)

- Include the main facts from the article,
- Your summary should be approximately half a page, hand written (single spaced)

Your Reaction: (10 Points)

- How did this article make you feel?
- Did you learn something new, change your perspective on an issue, or just solidify your current opinion?
- Did you notice any bias on the part of the author?
- Did you agree or disagree with the viewpoint of the article?
- Your reaction should be half a page to one full page hand written (single spaced)
- Make sure you relate your article to environmental science if the connection is not obvious.
- Please be honest! Do not write what you think I want to hear. I do not expect that we will all agree on everything, and you may find that I surprise you with some of my own opinions on these topics... It is most important to me that you engage your mind and think critically about environmental issues.