

Current Event Reminders

- 1) Current events will never be accepted after the due date, for any reason. Students have several weeks to complete current events each quarter. There is no reason for them to be late.
- 2) All students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are required to complete four (4) current events each quarter.
- 3) The focus in 6th grade science is Earth Science. Articles that reflect this type of science will count as two. If all articles done in 6th grade are those that deal with Earth Science, the student will only need to complete eight articles for the year (2 per quarter). Topics that would be related to Earth Science would include: meteorology, space, oceans, fossils, rocks/minerals, glaciers, the environment and any other topics found in the textbook.
- 4) The focus in science in 7th grade is Life science (biology). Articles that reflect this type of science will count as two. If all articles done in 7th grade are those that deal with Life Science, the student will only need to complete eight articles for the year (2 per quarter). Topics that would be related to Life science would include: health, fitness, medicine, plants, the body, animals and any other topics found in the textbook.
- 5) The focus in science in 8th grade is Physical science. Articles that reflect this type of science will count as two. If all articles done in 8th grade are those that deal with Physical science, the student will only need to complete eight articles for the year (2 per quarter). Topics that would be related to Physical Science would include: atoms, elements, nuclear energy, states of matter, motion, forces and any other topics found in the textbook.
- 6) Current events may be turned in at any time before the due date. These dates should be indicated in the student's agenda. Articles should be placed in the box labeled "Current Events", on the black cabinet in the Science Lab.
- 7) See the example on the opposite side of this paper, which indicates exactly how current events are to be done. Note that the summary is put into **your own words** and not copied directly from the article. It is helpful to read the article thoroughly, highlight the important points in each paragraph and then summarize it in your own words. It would be most helpful to keep this sheet for help in the future. Please refer to it when completing the articles.
- 8) Although current events are not weighted as heavily as other homework and tests, failure to complete them, in most cases, will result in the loss of at least one letter grade on the report card.
- 9) Current events may be done on the computer, or by hand on loose leaf.
- 10) You may obtain articles from the newspaper, a magazine or the internet. If the article is too large to fit on the front sheet of the paper on which it is summarized, it should be attached to the back of the sheet. If the article is too large to fit on the back, it is to be folded to the size of the sheet of paper, and clipped neatly.
- 10) Current Event due dates are as follows: Trimester 1 – October 16, 2018*
Trimester 2 – February 12, 2019*
Trimester 3 – May 7, 2019*
(These dates are tentative, until the 2018-2019 school calendar is available)
***Current events for each quarter will not be accepted after the due date.**
- 12) The point of current events is to learn what is happening in the world around you. Please take advantage of the assignment. Happy learning!

Source: Tampa Bay Times STATES WHERE THE ARTICLE WAS FOUND

Date: May 18, 2018 INDICATES WHEN THE ARTICLE WAS FOUND

Title: "It's time to go: Volcano in Hawaii spews big ash cloud" INDICATES WHAT THE ARTICLE IS ABOUT

Summary:

Although some people near Kilauea slept through the most recent eruption, most agree that it is time to evacuate. Geologists who have been studying the volcano think that future eruptions may become even more violent than they have been in the past. They predict that upcoming eruptions could possibly "hurl boulders the size of cows from the summit".

In the most recent eruption, a cloud of ash blew about 30,000 feet in the air, and then began to fall down on nearby towns. Even though this eruption occurred over a short period of time, it was definitely the most powerful in recent days.

Unfortunately, many people who are being told to evacuate cannot afford to leave, and are avoiding having to go to a shelter.

CORRECT SPELLING

NEATNESS COUNTS

MUST INCLUDE ARTICLE



SUMMARY TELLS BRIEFLY, YET THOROUGHLY, WHAT THE ARTICLE STATES; DOES NOT INCLUDE OPINIONS



VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP) — A volcano on Hawaii's Big Island erupted anew Thursday with little sound and only modest fury, spewing a steely gray plume of ash about 30,000 feet (9,100 meters) into the sky that began raining down on a nearby town.

The explosion at the summit of Kilauea came shortly after 4 a.m. following two weeks of volcanic activity that sent lava flows into neighborhoods and destroyed at least 26 homes. Scientists said the eruption was the most powerful in recent days, though it probably lasted only a few minutes.

Geologists have warned that the volcano could become even more violent, with increasing ash production and the potential that future blasts could hurl boulders the size of cows from the summit.

Toby Hazel, who lives in Pahoa, near the mountain, said she heard "a lot of booming sounds." Those came after days of earthquakes.

"It's just time to go — it really, really is," she said, preparing to leave town. "I feel so sorry for the people who don't go, because they don't have the money, or don't want to go to a shelter and leave their houses."

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