

News Articles Project

You will be placed in a group in order to complete your News Article project. Each member is responsible for individual work; however, the final product will result in a group presentation. During the nine-week period, each member will receive individual grades for each News Article. The Major Grade for the project is a combination of individual grades and the group presentation grade. There will also be quizzes along the way, so please make sure you meet all deadlines. As a group, you will be given a particular topic to work with for the nine weeks. During this time, you will share your findings with other groups, so as to keep them informed of current events. The following is what is expected for this project:

1. The teacher will assign the topic for each group. Each group is then responsible for picking two different issues within their topic. The issue must be approved by the teacher by _____.

Topics

Education Political Religion Scientific Environment Cultural Arts/Fine Arts

2. Once the issues have been approved, each member will be responsible for finding two different articles about the issue.
 - a. Each article must be 2 pages in length without pictures and in a reasonable sized font.
 - b. Each article must be printed out and placed in your file.
3. The following sites and magazines are approved for research. You must get approval in order to use a website or magazine that is not on the list.

List of Magazines

Smithsonian National Geographic Scientific American Psychology Today
Fortune The New Yorker Time Vanity Fair
Texas Monthly Discover Newsweek Audubon

List of Websites

CNN News NBC News BBC News Associated Press Fox News Time NEW YORK TIMES *
ABC News NPR

4. Each member of the group must find two articles pertaining to each issue and complete the News Article assignment for each article. No member may have the same article. All articles will be kept in the classroom. Each group member must use a different source. Individually, you must also use a different source for each article you choose about an issue.

Assignment for each article

I. **Work Cited**

Author. "Article." *Magazine*. day month year. page.

Example: Carter, Stephen. "Let Us Pray." *The New Yorker*, 5 Dec. 1994. 60.

Last name, first name. "Article title." *Site name*. Date of publication day month year. Web. Date of access day month year.

Example: Ehrler, Christi and Erin Wells. "Welcome to Paradise." *CNN*. 10 Sept. 2011. Web. 29 October 2013. www.cnn.com.

II. **Main Idea** - Summarize the main idea of the article in one sentence.

- III. **Paraphrase** – Choose a quote that best reflects the main idea. The quote must be 2 to 3 sentences long. Write out the quote and then paraphrase it. Paraphrase means to take the idea of another writer and state it in your own words.

The assignment must be typed, 12 point, Times New Roman, double spaced. Follow the format above and label each section.