

Current Event Evaluation

Areas Evaluated

Direction

- has appropriate heading and title
- includes the who, when, and where (with city, state, country, continent)
- has typed or written the summary in cursive
- has double-spaced the summary if typing
- has highlighted or underlined the article
- has attached the article and rough draft papers

Writing

- has a topic sentence that tells what the whole summary is about
- has an appropriate number of sentences to give the important details of the article without being too long
- has organized the sentences into a logical order
- has used a variety of sentence beginnings and types (simple, compound, complex)
- has transitions within and between sentences to make the sentences flow together smoothly
- has written a concluding sentence that restates to the main idea of the summary (may include an opinion)
- has written information using his/her own words not words, phrases, or sentences copied from the article

Conventions

- has correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- has followed proper paragraph formation

Score Description

- 4 All directions have been followed. All elements of writing areas are present, most to a successful degree. Few if any conventional errors.
- 3 Most directions have been followed. Most elements of writing areas are present, some to a successful degree, others may still be emerging. May have more conventional errors, but the ideas are still understandable.
- 2 Most directions have been followed. Some elements of writing areas are present, most still appear to be emerging. May have conventional errors that make ideas hard to understand.
- 1 Few directions have been followed. Few writing areas are present, and the ones used are still emerging. May have many conventional errors.