

Objectives:

- To strengthen your reading and writing skills, which are exceedingly important in all your courses, not to mention life.
- To keep you informed of current research or trends in science.
- To recognize that science surrounds you and has an impact on your life.
- To convey a thorough understanding of what you have read.

Article Requirements:

- Select **one chemistry**-related current event of your choice. Articles must be no older than 6 months.
- Select articles about a **CURRENT EVENT**, not just a summary or blurbs. Remember, you will need to write a fair amount about this article. Articles must be at least 1 page long, but I suggest using articles that are 2 pages or longer.
- Select an article you understand. Do not try to impress me with an article from a source such as a medical journal if you cannot make sense of what the authors wrote.
- You may NOT use newspaper articles because most of them do not provide enough depth for this assignment. The only exception is the New York Times, which publishes an extensive science and technology section on Tuesdays.
- You may NOT use segments from encyclopedias, since they do not present **CURRENT** events.
- You may select science articles from the following sources:

Time	Smithsonian Magazine
Newsweek	Discover
Popular Science	Scientific American
Popular Mechanics	Science News
National Geographic	

If you find an article in another source, please check with me before your being working.

The Written Assignment:

1. Each article may only be used by one student.
2. Typed in a font of no larger than 12 and double spaced. I expect 1 to 1 1/2 pages for each article you read.
3. *Use your own words!* Plagiarized assignments will not earn any points and will be turned in to school officials. You have already learned about plagiarism in English class and those expectations are still valid for this assignment. If you have questions whether your writing adheres to those guidelines, please ask!
4. At least **1-2 paragraphs summarizing** or describing the article you read.
5. At least **1 paragraph of a personal reaction** toward the current event. (How does it make you feel? Does it raise any questions? Does it spark your interest? Is it controversial?)
6. At least **1 paragraph describing why this research or event is important**. What impact will it have on people's lives?
HINT: If you answer, "I don't care," "this won't impact anyone's life," or "it is unimportant," please select another article which you have stronger feelings toward.
7. Must attach a copy of the article you read with each reactionary piece.