

Name _____ Date _____

Current Events

Purpose: Like a newspaper article, the ***who, what, where, when and why and/or how*** are the key words for gathering information needed to write a main idea paragraph. This descriptive paragraph must tell the reader the most significant news of the article you read.

Taking Notes

Main Idea	Important Supporting Details
Changing article title into a question helps to identify the main idea	Who? Where? When? What happened? Why or how?

Organizing My Main Idea Paragraph Start at the topic sentence and write around to the closing!!

What's the details that support the main idea? <u>Supporting Sentence #1</u>	What's the details that support the main idea? <u>Supporting Sentence #2</u>
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Topic Sentence (What's the main idea of the article?)

What's the details that support the main idea? <u>Supporting Sentence #3</u>	How do you bring the paragraph to a close? <u>Closing Sentence</u>
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Topic: _____ Points _____/20

My topic points _____	Topic Choice (1 pt) Is it supposed to be local, national, or international?
My top of the sheet _____	Top of the sheet (2 pts) The top of my sheet is completed with ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accurate spelling and capitalization • accurate coordinates

Main Idea (12 pts)	Outstanding Work that clearly meets all expectations. 4	Good Job, but a few revisions are needed. 3	Needs Improvements. Please go back and review the assignment. 2	Unacceptable work. Did not follow direction. Missing important information. 1
My main idea points _____				
Paragraph Format My paragraph includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A topic sentence that captures the reader's attention and answers <i>who, what, where and when questions</i>. • Supporting sentences provide juicy details and/or examples that support the main idea. It answers more about the <i>what, why and/or how</i>. • A closing sentence that bring my paragraph to a close. 				
5 W's (Who, what, where, when, why) The reader can easily identify and underline the 5 W's in my paragraph.				
Content The main idea of my paragraph is clear and accurate from beginning to end . My paragraph shows that I can use my own words to write about the main idea or topic.				

My illustration _____	Illustration (3 pts) My illustration is neatly done and the entire area is colored in. I have made good use of the space provided.
My reflection and article _____	Reflection / Article (2 pts) I have completed the reflection box and have included the article on the back of this worksheet.