



What in the World is Going on?

This year you will be called upon to teach the class about some global current events that interest you!

What you need to do:

Find a local or national newspaper or magazine article that deals with something of interest going on near or far! For example, a few years ago, you would have been able to find countless articles about various issues for athletes in participating in the Rio Olympics. Maybe there are human rights issues going, elections, protests, amazing discoveries, wars, medical emergencies, natural disasters etc.

After you find your article, summarize it using the steps provided below and come to class prepared to tell everyone about what's going on. It is important that you bring your summary and original article to class.

We will then post your article within a bulletin board collage that will grow over the year.

Everyone should have access to original newspaper articles. (The Metro is available on almost every corner. We will be doing this from time to time at the beginning of class and will rotate through the class so you will likely have to prepare 2 or 3 of these over the entire year. (This will count towards your assignment mark)

This is not supposed to be a stressful assignment, just find something that interests you and tell the class about it!

Summary and Response of a Newspaper Article

I. Before you read: Look for information clues in the title, graph, chart, and photo that can help you guess what the article is about.

II. First reading: Read the article quickly the first time. Don't stop to look up any words. See if you can write the main idea of the article in one sentence.

III. Second reading:

1. Now, look for the answers to the main fact questions, the WH-questions.
2. Take word notes, using your own words, about the main points of the article on a separate piece of paper
3. WH-questions:
 - Who
 - What
 - When
 - Where
 - Why
 - How

IV. Summarizing the article: this is the format for all newspaper summaries

1. The first sentence includes the following information:
 - Title of the article in quotes.
 - The name of the author.
 - The main idea of the article.
2. Body of the summary
 - Contains the facts to the WH-questions.
 - The body of the summary supports the main idea of the article.
 - Refer to your notes to write the summary, not the article.
 - The summary should not be more than 10 sentences long.
 - At the end of the summary, state the name of the newspaper (underlined) and the date published, if they are available.

IV. Response

1. Write your response to the article. Now that you have told us what it said tell us what you think!