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Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to encourage students to connect what we are learning about in our chemistry class to the bigger picture.

Procedure:

1. Find a current event related to the units covered during each quarter. This assignment will be due no later than the day of the quarterly exam.
2. The news article will come from a magazine, newspaper or internet site. Some sites you can use are: Popular science magazine, MSNBC News Online, CNN online, etc. The source must be within a year of the due date. You may **not** use Wikipedia, encyclopedias or textbooks or TV programs.
3. Include the categories listed below in your assignment The format must include bullets, titles and underlines of each of the following:
* **Student information:** (Name, date, class period)
* **Topic of current event:** (Include the Test # and name of unit)
* **Source: (**Include the web address of the article you are using and either a copy of the article or a link)
* **Summary of current event article:** (Read the entire article and then summarize what the article is about in your own words. A good summary should include WHO did WHAT, WHERE it occurred, WHEN it happened and WHY it is important. Be careful not to plagiarize. This means do not just change a few words and copy the rest of the article. You need to rephrase the information in your OWN words. I want to know what you learned from reading the article. If you are using someone else’s words, you must put them in quotes. This section should be at least 8 sentences)
* **Definitions:**  (of at least two important scientific terms listed in the article)
* **Importance:** (Include the following: Why the current event is important? How does it help you and/or society? This section should be at least 3 sentences.)
* **Relationship to chemistry:** (How is the current event related to chemistry? How is it related to the unit we are currently covering in class? This section should be at least 3 sentences.)
1. The assignment will be submitted electronically using the student portal. It should be a minimum of one page and a maximum of two pages, using a standard 12 point font. Make sure you use proper writing skills, grammar, spelling etc.
2. If your assignment is the same as someone else’s (even in a different class period), or is copy and posted from another source, it will fall under the plagiarism policy!!!!!!

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| Definitions |  0 |  2 |  4 |
| Importance |  0  |  1.5 |  3 |
| Relationship to chemistry |  0 |  1.5 |  3 |
| Length |  0 |  .5 |  1 |
| Writing Conventions |  0 |  1 |  2 |
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