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Period: _____

Current Events

Source: _____

Commentary:

Reading Summary:

Your Reaction:

How to do Current Events

In order to expand the scope of your experiences in Physics and to give everyone a better sense of what is happening today in science, everyone will be exploring a science topic in the news as part of every contract. This may mean reading one or more newspaper or magazine articles or a part of a book.

Your job will be to explore something that interests you and write a brief summary of the most important ideas. The summary should be something like a half a page long. It should have a title and date of publication or broadcast that includes enough information for anyone to be able to find your source easily. Above all, it *should be in your own words*. In the right hand column, you should summarize the material in enough detail to show that you really understand what it's about. In the left hand column, you should describe how well you understood the main ideas that were presented on a 1 to 5 scale and list any concepts or vocabulary that you didn't understand. In the bottom section, you should write about your personal reaction to the article. Be sure to choose sources and topics that are written at a level you can understand.

The format should be as follows:

Title

List the source here: _____

Commentary:

1 - 5 understanding

List ideas or vocabulary that you didn't understand

Reading Summary:

The major points in your own words.

Your Reaction:

Did you enjoy it? Find it boring or interesting? Did it scare you or excite you? Would you like to know more? Would you talk to someone else about it?