IT’S GOOD TO BE INFORMED!!!

Many important science events occur each day. As responsible citizens (and soon to be voters), we need to gain a better understanding of local and worldwide science events. In order to increase your awareness you will be required to complete the following assignment:

TWO PARTS:

1. **Research Article Summary**

You are responsible to find an article that relates to science and/or Biology in any way shape or form.  They must be at least **a page long** so that you have enough information to do your bulletin board. The article can come from the following:

1. Scientific Journal/Periodical article
2. National Newspaper article
3. State Newspaper article
4. Internet article

Print the article and then write a **Summary (you will each write your own)**

Write a response to the article of at least half a page (12 pts times new roman etc.).  It should include:

1. Summarize the article in your own words. What’s it actually about? Who is involved?
2. Your personal opinion of the article. Why is this important or interesting? How does this relate to class? How does this affect you?

*I’m not asking for a research paper, just a couple clearly written paragraphs.*

1. **Create a “Science In the News “Current Event Board (located outside the classroom)**

You are to create a **visually appealing** bulletin board that teaches Ashley High (and your classmates) about a current science event/controversy/topic of your choice. The bulletin board should be informative. Afterwards your readers should be able to have a discussion on the topic based on information that you have presented. Boards that do not attract attention and yield discussion will not be considered adequate.

Topic must be preapproved by Mrs. Seward. New board must be up and ready for peer review on due date. That means get here early Monday AM or stay after Friday the weekend before it is due.

You have access to any of my supplies, paper in the library, and a colored printer in the 500’s computer lab. The library also has the capability to enlarge items and do other things to enhance your presentation.

Your Board should include (some or all based on topic):

* Topic Title LARGE
* Background Information
* Why is this issue important?
* Is it controversial? Why?
* Pros/Cons
* Pictures/Graphics with explanations (at least 5)

Things to think about when designing a large space like this:

* Font size (don’t type in 12 new roman font). You want people to be able to read your information from a short distance away
* Content/background contrast. Make it POP!
* Too much writing can be bad
* Layout in an easy to follow sequence

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| **Information** | Information is randomly provided/doesn’t make sense providing reader with little understanding. | Basic information is provided and gives reader some understanding. | Some information is provided and topic is understood by reader. | Detailed information is provided.  Reader clearly understands and can form educated opinion. |
| **Summarization** | Student cut and pasted with no attempt to summarize. | Student had some cut and pasted material. | Student summarized most of the material. | Student put all information into their own words. |
| **Graphics** | No graphics or irrelevant graphic. Inappropriately sized and unreadable from 1 m. | 1-3 basic graphics that slightly support topic. Somewhat readable from 1 m | 3 – 5 graphics that relate to the topic.  Mostly readable from 1 m.  Colorful and appealing | More than 5 graphics that explain and reinforce topic  Easily readable from 1 m.  Colorful and visually appealing |
| **Mechanics** | Board has four or more spelling errors and/or grammatical errors. | Board has three misspellings and/or grammatical errors. | Board has no more than two misspellings and/or grammatical errors. | Board has no misspellings or grammatical errors. |
| **Details and Layout** | Student pays little attention to color or pictures on board. Minimal effort to appearance. Sloppy layout. | Board is adequate. Shows some effort. Layout is okay. | Board is attractive and includes many interesting details. Layout is good. | Highly detailed and attractive board. The current event summaries and pictures are illustrated neatly. Creative layout. |
| **TOTAL:**  **\_\_\_\_\_ /20** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |