

Current Events Graphic Organizer

How to use this organizer:

1. The questions in the organizer are there to guide you, but you may add additional information.
2. A box may be skipped if it does not relate to the article.
3. After completing the organizer, use it to help you write the summary and reflection paragraphs. You may choose to change the order in which you present the information as you write the paragraphs.

Paragraph 1: Summary (Report the facts. Do not add commentary in the summary paragraph.)

Opening sentence(s)—(State the title, source and date of the article. Introduce the topic of the article.)	
What is the article about? Be Specific.	
Who is the article about? Be Specific.	
When did this event occur?	
Where did this event occur?	
How did the event occur? Use details from the article.	
What happened?	
Closing sentence--	

Paragraph 2: Reflection

Opening sentence--	
Why did you choose this article?	
What do you find interesting about the article?	
What questions do you have after reading the article? Why?	
How does the article make you feel? Why? Explain and refer to specific details of the article. Did the author use specific words that influenced your opinion? What point of views or commentary did the author present?	
What impact does the event have on the world? Explain. (Think about how it might effect people, animals, the environment, the economy, etc.)	
Closing sentence--	

Use the space below for recording additional information and/or ideas: