



# Marine Mammals in the News

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please follow the guidelines below when responding to a current events article. Once you finish the assignment, look over the rubric on the back to make sure you completed all of the necessary requirements.

## Procedures:

1. Select an article. The article may be from a print source (newspaper or magazine) or from a well-accredited Internet site (CNN, New York Times, MSNBC, National Geographic, USA Today, etc.)
2. Read the article thoroughly. Highlight or underline main ideas and supporting details, and make a list of any words you do not understand.
3. Define any words you do not understand.
4. Re-read the article.
5. At the top of a blank piece of paper, write the following:  
Title of Article:  
Name of Publication:  
Date of Publication:
6. **Summary**  
Write a summary of your article in paragraph form. Make sure your summary includes the five W's (Who is involved (this includes animals!)? What took place? When did this take place? Where did it take place? Why did this happen? or why is this newsworthy?).
7. **Personal Response**  
Write a personal response to the article. Include your reaction to the information presented (how do you feel about it and why?). This must be in paragraph form.
8. **Applications**  
Discuss why it is important for the public to know about this, and what we can learn from it. Again, this should be in paragraph form.
9. Attach the article to the **BACK** of your paper. You may **neatly** attach the original, or a photocopy.
10. Present your article to the class, using effective speaking skills. Remember:
  - Gear your presentation to your audience.
  - Use appropriate grammar, word choice, and pacing.
  - Use language that is clear, audible, and suitable.





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## Rubric

Criteria	Points Possible	Your Score
You have selected an appropriate article. (The article is current, and is relevant to science.)	10	
You have included the title of the article, the name of the publication, and the date of the publication at the top of the page.	5	
You have included a thorough summary of the article.	25	
You have included your personal response to the article.	15	
You have included a discussion of the reasons this information is important for the public to know.	15	
You have neatly attached the article.	5	
You effectively presented your article to the class	25	
<b>Total:</b>	100	

