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Current Event Assignment

Tonight's homework involves an investigation that has several parts.

1. The first task requires you to find an article about a current event that involves science and the environment. Please choose one article and cut it out. You must bring the article to class tomorrow.
2. Once you have found your article, your next task is to answer several questions about the content of the article.

These questions must be answered using complete sentences on an **index card**. (either 3x5 or 4x6)

1. What is the question or topic that is being addressed in the article?
 2. What is the author's hypothesis about the question or topic?
 3. What are some observations that the author makes about the topic?
 4. Explain the conclusions that the author has come to at the close of the article.
- 3. On your index card you must also include a bibliographic citation for your source following the guidelines attached guidelines.**

Everyone will hand in their article and index card. We will pick 2 people to present a short (3-5 minute) presentation of their article tomorrow. The articles will be posted on a current environmental science bulletin board.

General Rules for all bibliographic citations:

- Information for your citation is located on the title page. The copyright date is located on the verso page.
- If there is no author, begin the citation with the title of the book or article.
- If there is no author in the citation and the title begins with an article, *A*, *An*, or *The*, ignore the article when alphabetizing your bibliography.
- The first author's name in a citation is reversed. Write the author's last name, first name and middle name or initial if given.
- Write the author's name exactly the way it is written on the title page.
- Omit titles, affiliations, and degrees that precede or follow names.
- A suffix that is an essential part of the name, like Jr. or a roman numeral, appears after the given name, preceded by a comma.
- Write the complete title of the book or article including any subtitle. Place a colon directly after the main title, put in a space, then the subtitle.
- If several cities are listed in the book, give only the first.
- Cities outside the United States, add an abbreviation of the country if the city may be unfamiliar to your reader.
- Dates are written - **day month year** or **month year** if the day is not given. Months are abbreviated to the first three letters of the month followed by a period. May, June, and July are the only months not abbreviated.

Magazine

General Rules

- If the article is not printed on consecutive pages, write only the first page number and a plus sign, leaving no intervening space
- Do not give the volume and issue numbers even if they are listed.

Author (last name, first name). "Title of article." Name of Magazine (underlined) Date (day month year): Page number(s).

Examples:

Bazell, Robert. "Science and Society: Growth Industry." New Republic 15 Mar. 1993: 13-14.

Nixon, Will. "Are We Burying Ourselves in Junk Mail?" E: Environmental Magazine Nov.-Dec. 1993: 30+.

Newspaper

General Rules:

- Give name of the newspaper without the beginning article (i.e. *New York Times* not *The New York Times*)
- If the city of publication is not included in the name of a locally published newspaper, add the city in square brackets, not underlined, after the name: "Star-Ledger [Newark]."
- City of publication of nationally known newspapers is not necessary.
- Do not give the volume and issue numbers even if they are listed.

- Abbreviate the names of all months except May, June, and July

Author (last name, first name). "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper (underlined)
Date of Newspaper (day month year), Edition: Section and Page.

Example:

Manegold, Catherine S. "Becoming a Land of the Smoke-Free, Ban by Ban." New York Times 22 Mar. 1994, late ed.: A1+.

Online Professional or Personal Site

General rules:

- If no title is given, use a description such as Home page. Do not underline nor use quotation marks.
- Enclose URLs in angle brackets.
- If an URL must be divided between two lines, break the address after a slash and do not use a hyphen.

Name of person who created site (Last name, first name) (if given). Title of the site (underlined). The name of any institution or organization associated with the site. the date of access <the URL address>.

Examples:

Dawe, James. Jane Austen Page. 15 Sep. 1998
<<http://nyquist.ee.ualberta.ca/~dawe/austen.html>>.

Lancashire, Ian. Home page. 1 May 1998 <<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/~ian/>>.

Romance Languages and Literatures Home Page. 1 Jan. 1997. Dept. of Romance Langs. and Lits., U of Chicago. 8 July 1998
<<http://humanities.uchicago.edu/romance/>>.

Article in an Online Periodical

General Rules:

- Cite periodicals according to the instructions for printed sources then include necessary information for electronic sources.
- If you cannot find some of this information, cite what is available

Author's name (last name, first name) (if given). "Title of the work or material." Name of the periodical (underlined). Date of Publication. Date of access URL address.

Example:

Magazine

Guckenberger, Katherine. "A Convent with a View." Atlantic Unbound 22 Jan. 1998. 26 June 1998 <<http://www.theAtlantic.com/atlantic/unbound/abroad/kg980122.htm>>.

Kinsley, Michael. "Now Is the Summer of Too Much Content." Slate 20 June 1998. 25 June 1998 <<http://www.slate.com/98-06-20/Readme.asp>>.

Newspaper or on a Newswire

"Endangered Species Act Upheld." AP Online 22 June 1998. 22 June 1998 <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/w/AP-Court-Endangered_species.html>.

Reid, T.R. "Druids Return to Stonehenge." Washington Post 22 June 1998. 22 June 1998 <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/Wplate/1998-06/22/0451-062298-idx.html>>.