

Science Summer Assignment

Science News Summary

How to Write a Science News Summary

1. Choose a reputable news source.

Choose a source that offers well-written and well-researched news. Avoid blogs and other personal websites, since these types of writings are more rooted in opinion than factual news. Some possible sources might include newspapers or news magazines.

2. Choose an article that is less than two weeks old.

Since the assignment is to write about a current event, select an article that is fresh. You should choose an article that gives you enough information to write about in your summary.

3. Read the entire article.

Take some time to read through the entire article. Make sure you understand what the article says. Highlight the five W's and H (see below).

4. Make a list of the five Ws and H. (graphic organizer)

The five Ws and H are: Who, What, When, Where, Why and How. These correspond to the details of the article. They help you make connections between the main idea and the various elements involved that make up the story.

- Who: This is the person or group involved in the story.
- What: This is the event or the action discussed in the story.
- When: This is the date and time when the event took place.
- Where: This is where the event took place.
- Why: This is the cause or reason for the event.
- How: This point explains the ways in which the events took place and the connections between them.

5. Write your paragraph using your graphic organizer. (lead and supporting details)

Write a good lead sentence followed by two to three detailed sentences using the five Ws and H.

6. Write a sentence that gives the impact of the story. (Conclusion)

Why is this story important? Why are we talking about it? After you write about the five Ws and H, write down your thoughts on the impact or importance of the news story. Think about the story's connection to your community, the nation or the world.