

**Eighth Grade U.S. History  
Current Event Guide Sheet**

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

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

1. Article Title \_\_\_\_\_
2. Newspaper/Magazine \_\_\_\_\_
3. Author of Article \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date Article Appeared \_\_\_\_\_
5. Type of News     **Local**             **State**             **National**             **International**

**The answers to questions 6-12 must be written in complete sentences!**

6. Who was the article about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is the main or most important part of the article? (4-5 sentences)  
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8. When did the event or situation take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Where did the event or situation in the article take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Why did the event or situation take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Why is this a newsworthy story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. How does this event effect you? West Chester? The United States? (choose one)  
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Article Choice	5		The article was selected according to the criteria given in class.
	4	3	The article was not about an event that was assigned in class.
Writing Requirements	10	9	Answers were written in complete sentences using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
	8	7	Most answers were in complete sentences and there were three or less grammar, spelling, and punctuation mistakes.
	5	4	Answers were not in complete sentences and there were four or more grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors.
Writing Response	10	9	Answers were exceptional. Questions were answered thoroughly with good explanation
	8	7	Questions were answered adequately, but could have used more explanation, or information.
	6	5	Questions were answered with limited explanation, or information.
	4	3	Some questions were not answered correctly, or had little to no explanation. More information is needed.

\_\_\_\_\_/25 Points

\_\_\_\_\_/Percentage

\_\_\_\_\_/Grade

**Did you write in complete sentences?**