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| **Current Events Rubric** | | | | |
| **CATEGORY** | **5**  **Exceeds**  **Standards** | **4**  **Meets Standards** | **3**  **Below Standards** | **2**  **Well Below Standards** |
| **Ideas & Content** | •Writer knows topic really well .  •Many interesting details   * Includes more then sufficient Summarization | •Includes sufficient summarization.  •Writer knows the topic.  •Most details are relevant & are interesting | • incomplete or insufficient summarization  •Writer doesn’t know enough about the topic •Needs more details | • incomplete or unacceptable summarization.  •Writer doesn't know topic  •Details lacking  •Ideas missing or don't make sense |
| **Organization** | •Carefully organized with varied transitions •Lead grabs reader's attention  •Conclusion works well •Details & paragraphs are in right order  •Bibliography/Works Cited is included | •Has some transitions •Most parts of paper fit together.  •Most details & paragraphs are in right order  •Bibliography/Works Cited is included | •Few transitions used •Too many details are out of order  •Bibliography/Works Cited is incomplete | •Paragraphs and/or transitions missing  •Too many details are out of order  •Bibliography/Works Cited is missing |
| **Word Choice** | •Has a variety of strong words  •Words create vivid pictures in reader's mind | •Writing has some strong words  •Some words create pictures in the reader's mind | •Too many dull, ordinary words  •Some words just don't fit | •Words don't show the writer's meaning  •Reader is confused by the writer's choice of words |
| **Sentence Fluency** | •Has creative sentences of different kinds & lengths  •Sentences flow, making the writing enjoyable to read | •Sentences are different lengths  •Sentences have varied beginnings  •Sentences fit together well | •Sentences are too short or too long  •Same beginnings used over and over  •Reader is confused & has to re-read for meaning | •Not enough complete sentences  •Writing does not make sense |
| Conventions | •Has FEW or NO errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar  •Writing is easy to read | •Has FEW errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar  •Correctly read aloud | •Too many errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar make the writing difficult to read some editing required. | •Capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar mistakes make the writing impossible to read & understanding.  •Major editing needed |