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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 |