Eighth Grade Current Events Form

Student's Name & #_____

Source (Ex: *SJ Mercury News, SF Chronicle, Time Magazine, nytimes.com)*

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Article Title_____

Author of Article_____

Portfolio category_____

2-Column Notes. Attach your two-column notes to this sheet. You should have at least five entries in the left-hand column.

Summary. Use your two column-notes to help you write a 5-8 sentence summary of the article. Use your *Handy Pages* to help you write a topic sentence. Then write sentences to cover 2-3 key ideas. Provide evidence, explanations, or examples for each key idea. Remember that summaries do not always need conclusion sentences.

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Connections. Use complete sentences to explain any connections you made to this article. Connections can include something you're interested in, things that might directly affect you or someone you know, something you studied in school, something you heard someone discussing, a similarity to a program on television, something you're interested in studying more, something that affected your emotions, etc. Give an explanation for the connections you made with the article.

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Please attach the article or a copy of the article to the back of this sheet before turning it in.