**Current Event Form**  Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Writing** |  |
| 3 | 2 | 1 |  |
| All grammar and spelling are correct | Grammar and spelling are mostly correct | Writing contains multiple grammar and spelling mistakes |  |
| All capitalization and punctuation are correct | Capitalization and punctuation are mostly correct | Writing contains multiple capitalization and punctuation mistakes |  |
| All questions are answered in complete sentences | Most questions are answered in complete sentences | Some questions are answered in complete sentences |  |
| Sentences are fluent and clearly understandable | Sentences are somewhat fluent and understandable | Sentences lack fluency and are hard to understand |  |
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| **Content** |  |
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| Reasonable amount of information is included | Information is sketchy or lacks elaboration | Information is very limited |  |
| Responses go beyond the obvious or predictable | Most answers are thoughtfully written | The majority of answers are not thoughtfully written |  |
| Assignment turned in on time  |  | Assignment turned in late |  |
|  |  |   | Points \_\_ Grade \_\_  |

**Directions:**

Locate a current event article from a newspaper, magazine, or website. Choose an article that has a **global impact and is of interest to you**. Complete the "Current Event Form” and attach your article to it. Remember to answer each question thoughtfully. All responses should be written in complete sentences.

\*If you do not have access to an article at home, you may use the copy of the *Daily Press* I provide each Monday to select an article.

**\*Staple your current event to the back of this sheet.**

**Article Title: \_\_\_The Art of Garbage\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Article Source: \_\_Scholastic News\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Summary of the Article:**

In New York City, an artist named Justin Gignac believes “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” He collects trash from off the street, including litter from Yankees games and New Years Eve. He puts the trash in clear boxes and puts the time and date he found the trash on the cube. He then sells the cubes for $50 each. Gignac collects the trash at night before the sanitation workers clean it up. He takes his time and picks trash based on its shape and color.

**Reflection / Perspective:** Why is the article of interest to me?

I like the idea of taking something that someone threw away and making money off of it. Also, I believe in recycling and this is a creative way to recycle trash instead of sending it to the dump.

**Connection:** How might this event affect your life or others around you in Newport News, VA?

I see litter on the street all of the time. It might be a good idea to do something like this artist did and come up with a creative way to turn trash into treasure. This could make some parts of Newport News nicer and inspire other people to do something about trash.

**Change:** How might this event effect / change our world / planet?

This story might inspire other people to find a way to make money by doing something that is good for the environment. If enough people are inspired by Justin Gignac then we can start to make a difference.

**Responsibility:** Do I / we have any responsibility in connection with this event?

Doing something to help the environment is everyone’s responsibility. We all share the planet and each need o do our part.

**Cause:** What do you predict this event might cause to happen next?

Justin Gignac will probably continue to make money by selling trash. Other people may start doing the same thing, turning trash into something valuable. I believe this will inspire others to do what they can to help the environment.