

Weather & Climate: *IN THE NEWS*

DUE DATE: JUNE 11, 2015

We have and will be studying some of the important processes and ideas that make up weather and climate. We look at these topics in an academic setting and (somewhat) limit our discussions to scientific applications. Now I would like you to expand upon this base of knowledge and have you look for evidence of these weather and climate concepts and concerns in the broader medium of news journalism.

I expect you to explore your current sources of news and information, be it the daily newspaper, national broadcast, news website or a cable news channel. I would also like to challenge you to explore some new avenues for finding out what is happening in the world!

I have said in class that I can probably make a case that almost any news article has at least *some* aspect of the concerns of weather and climate. Now I am challenging you to go and find these same connections in the news stories that affect your daily lives.

The Assignment: You will spend the next four weeks gathering news articles related to concepts and concerns that pertain to our study of weather and climate. You will be expected to collect one article from each of the four weeks and create an on-going portfolio, containing a copy of these articles as well as an analysis of each article (see requirements below). I would like you to use different sources for each summary (see next page).

This Portfolio is due on Thursday, June 11, 2015

Response: After reading each of your articles, you are required to write a response consisting of two parts:

- **a summary of the article and its major points; and**
- **an analysis explaining how this fits into our study of weather and climate, and your opinion concerning this topic**

Summary: Your summary should be 1 paragraph in length (2 max). Remember, this is a summary, so be concise! But be sure to bring out all the important points. **Summary = approximately 100-150 words**

Analysis: **Your analysis is the most important portion of this assignment.** In your writing you will be showing me that you understand the basics of our study of weather and climate *and* that you can apply this knowledge to real world events! Your analysis should be 2 paragraphs in length (3 max). The first paragraph should explain how and/or why this pertains to our study of weather and climate. In other words, what issues does it address that we have explored in our class? In the second paragraph you will give your personal thoughts or opinions regarding the topic of the article. I expect you to have reasons for your opinions and to state them in this response. **Analysis = approximately 250-350 words**

Format: Name, class and article title on top of page. Paper is to be single spaced, 12 point type and 1" margins all around.

News Sources: I expect you to move beyond your normal daily sources for news. I am going to insist that you find at least one printed news story and one Internet news story. I also want to see 3 – 4 different sources.

For example: For your printed sources, you may choose to have 1 article from The New York Times, 1 from Time magazine and from the Internet, 1 from the BBC and 1 from Science Daily.

The idea here is to expand your horizons as far as understanding your world! So use this as a way to explore the many ways we have to get information... and get class credit as well!

NOTE: I will allow you to use Newspaper and Magazine websites as a source for your printed material.

Here is a partial listing of news sources.

London Times	http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/	BBC World Service	http://news.bbc.co.uk/
Le Monde (French)	http://www.lemonde.fr/	The Times of India	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/
Arab News	http://www.arabnews.com/	Asia Times	http://www.atimes.com/
New York Times	http://www.nytimes.com/	Al Jazeera	http://english.aljazeera.net/English
Washington Post	http://www.washingtonpost.com/	CNN	http://www.cnn.com/
Wall Street Journal	http://online.wsj.com/public/us	MSNBC	http://www.msnbc.msn.com/
Chicago Sun Times	http://www.suntimes.com/index.html	FOXNews	http://www.foxnews.com/
Los Angeles Times	http://www.latimes.com/	ABCNews	http://abcnews.go.com/
USA Today	http://www.usatoday.com/	CBSNews	http://www.cbsnews.com/
Boston Globe	http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/	National Public Radio	http://www.npr.org/
Boston Herald	http://www.bostonherald.com/	Time	http://www.time.com/time/
Boston Business Journal	http://boston.bizjournals.com/boston/	Newsweek	http://www.newsweek.com/
Boston Phoenix	http://thephoenix.com/	Scientific American	http://www.sciam.com/
Salem News	http://www.salemnews.com/	Science Daily	http://www.sciencedaily.com/
Lynn Item	http://www.itemlive.com/	Scientific Frontline	http://www.sflorg.com/
The New Republic	http://www.tnr.com/	Boston.com	http://www.boston.com/