**Non-fiction Article Presentation**

**ELA9 – Ms. Cook and Ms. Horne**

**SCO 4.1, 4.4, 5.1, 6.1**

Rationale:

While many people view English class as a place to read pieces of fiction, it is our goal to help you to become critical consumers of non-fiction texts as well. Part of this process involves being able to apply the reading strategies typically applied to fiction to non-fiction. Through this activity we hope to improve your reading comprehension of non-fiction texts, increase your knowledge of the world in which you live while fine-tuning your speaking and listening skills.

Instructions:

Using either the internet or print media (newspapers, magazines, etc.) choose an article you believe will increase your classmates’ knowledge of a specific topic. Perhaps most importantly, the article should be of interest to you and at a reading level that is challenging, but not too difficult. Read the article and complete the worksheet on the back of this page.

Once you have completed the worksheet, you should prepare to present your article to the class. Instead of reading your article word for word, use the determining importance section of your worksheet to help you summarize the main points for your classmates. Once you have finished presenting your article, you should be prepared to ask your discussion questions. Remember, a good discussion question does not have a yes or no answer but rather asks your classmates to give their opinion along with supporting evidence. It is your job to “moderate,” or direct the flow of discussion.

Assessment:

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|  | **5** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Choosing an article**SCO4.1/5.1 | I have chosen an article that is interesting and will promote discussion. It is an appropriate reading level. |  | I have either chosen an article that is interesting and will promote discussion ***or*** is at an appropriate reading level |  | The article I have chosen will not engage my classmates or promote discussion. It is either far too hard or too easy. |
| **Determining Importance** SCO 4.4/6.1 | All of the main points from my article are included and are restated clearly in my own words. I have not included any unnecessary details.  | Most main points are included and are rewritten in my own words. A few unnecessary details are given, but they do not detract from my summary. | Most main points are included, but not all are written in my own words or they are somewhat unclear. Unnecessary details are given. | Some main points are outlined, but many are missed. Also, there are many unnecessary details included. | I missed the main point of my article. |
| **Questioning** SCO 4.4/6.1 | I have developed **five** questions that are related to my article and will promote discussion.  | I have developed **four** questions that are related to my article and will promote discussion. | I have developed **three** questions that are related to my article and will promote discussion. | I have developed **two** questions that are related to my article and will promote discussion. | My questions were either/or not related to my article or did not promote discussion. |
| **Making Connections** SCO 4.4/6.1 | I have clearly explained my connection (both the part in my article and to what I have connected). It is obvious how my connection helps me to better understand my article.  | I have clearly explained my connection (both the part in my article and to what I heave connected). My connection helps me to better understand the article in a basic way. | My connection is not fully explained. My connection is superficial, and does not further my understanding of the article. | There is a vague sense of what I’m connecting. The connection made does not help to further my understanding of the article. | My connection is confusing or unclear.  |

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**Article Title:**

**Author:**

**Source:**

**Determining Importance:** Using point form, summarize your article below. Use the skills we have practiced to determine what to include and what should be left out.

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**Questioning:** Based upon your article, develop five discussion questions you can use to direct a whole class discussion.

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**Making Connections:** Make any of the three types of connections discussed in class (T-S, T-T, T-W)

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What it connects to (self/text/world):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How it helps you to better understand what you’ve read:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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