Current Event Rubric

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| Achievement Level | Step 1- Where You Got Your Article | Step 2-  Summary Paragraph | Step 3-  What You Learned About the Event | Step 4- Your Predictions | Works Cited | Presentation |
| 0 | No Pathfinder or Research Question | No summary paragraph | No narrative paragraph | No predictions | No Works Cited | Presentation dull, messy, does not look nice |
| 1-2 | Pathfinder present but links do not work; no research questions | Contains severe errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling that make understanding difficult; weak or inappropriate vocab; Does not make any connections to the text. | Does not make any text-self connections | Predictions are attempted but do not connect to article | Works Cited is complete but has more than 3 errors | Presentation contains many elements that are distracting and takes away from the information presented |
| 3-4 | Pathfinder present but links do not work; research question present | Many contain some errors in grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling; little sentence variety; weak use of rich vocab; attempts to make appropriate text-text and text-world connections, but lacking sufficient details to help those connections | Attempts to make text-self connections | Attempts to make predictions but connect to self and not text | Works Cited is completed but have 2-3 errors | Presentation is clean but may contain elements that are distracting to the information presented |
| 5-6 | Pathfinder present and links work; research question present | Demonstrates control of usage, grammar, mechanics, and spelling; Some attempt at sentence variety, some rich vocab; Insightfully makes text-text and text-world connections | Insightfully makes text-self connections | Predictions are thoughtful | Works Cited is complete but have 1 error in format | Presentation is clean and looks good |
| 7-8 | Pathfinders work and research question is advanced. | Demonstrates mastery of grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling; Variety of sentence structure; consistent use of rich vocab; Insightfully makes multiple text-text connections and text-world connections. | Insightfully make text-self connections demonstrates critical thinking beyond the obvious connection | Predictions are thoughtful and based on text, background, and personal connections | Works Cited is completed and is formatted correctly | Presentation is clean, looks great, and enhances the information you are presenting |