

Current Event Cards

One of the objectives of the class is to be aware of current issues in **biology**. Each Tuesday you are to turn in 2, 4 x 6 index cards with a short summary of an article from a recent news source on a topic in biology.

The summary must fill the card and be packed with information.

The source can be an online news papers, a printed news paper, news magazines, Time, Newsweek, etc., scientific topic magazines like Discover, National Geographic and others.

The following information must be included: Name (first and last) top right corner

Date turned in (mm/dd)

Name of Source

Date of source

Title

Author

Summary

Provide enough information that the article can be located.

Remember, *biology* means the study of *life*. The articles **must** be on a topic in biology.

The following topics are **not** acceptable:

astronomy, geology, weather, health, disease (mad cow, AIDS, West Nile Virus etc.) volcanos.

If you are uncertain ask the instructor.

There is a very fine line here. For example the earth quake and resulting tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The earthquake and the tsunami are not biological. Human related problems are not biology.

However, I read an article on the affect of the tsunami on the animals in Sri Lanka. The article said that few to no wild animals were kill as a result of the tsunami. They were able to get away from the area before it hit. The author of the article was asking the question, "do they have a sense that tells them of impending danger?"

The following topics **are** acceptable:

Environmental problems that affect wild plants and animals

pollution, habitat destruction

Stem Cell research (this is only because it is a very current topic)

Cloning

Endangered species

Global warming as it affects wild plants, animals and ecosystems

Genetic research on humans, plants and other animals

Current discoveries in palenotology (fossils)

Evolution (discoveries not the controversy of teaching it. I don't want to read anything about Kansas!)