

Newspaper/Magazine Article Review

The purpose of this assignment is to make you pay attention to environmental issues on a regular basis and think about them critically through a policy lens.

You are expected to submit two (2) newspaper/magazine article review papers. Each review paper is worth 25 possible points and involves two major steps:

Step one – choose one article from a U.S.-based newspaper or magazine

- The article must discuss a current environmental issue.
- The article must have been published in 2018 or 2019.
- The article must have no less than 500 words.
- You cannot use the same article for both review papers.
- The newspaper or magazine can be local, state, national, or international (English language only). Examples include, but are not limited to: The Journal & Courier, The Indianapolis Star, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Newsweek, Time Magazine, The New Yorker, Smithsonian, The Economist.

Step two – write a review that clearly includes the following components:

1. The source of the article: provide the reference at the beginning of your review paper following the APA format (see examples on the back). (2 points)
2. A description of the main issues/controversies discussed in the article. (5 points)
3. In your opinion, why should the general public (at the local, state, national, or international level) pay attention to the issues/controversies discussed in the article? (5 points)
4. In your opinion, do the issues/controversies discussed in the article need policy intervention? (1 point)
 - If you think policy intervention is needed, give an example of one type of policy that you would suggest using to address the issues/controversies (e.g., regulations, tax incentives, education programs) and explain how this policy would work. (5 points); OR
 - If you do not think policy intervention is needed, explain why not. (5 points)
5. A copy of the original article you reviewed. (1 point)

Excluding components 1 and 5, your review paper should be typewritten and double-spaced. It should be no less than two and half (2.5) pages and no more than three (3) pages in length. The page margins should be one (1) inch. The font should be Times New Roman, 12 point. Proper formatting of the paper is worth 3 points.

At a minimum, you should make sure your use of punctuation is appropriate, spelling is correct, and the use of words is correct (e.g., their/there, affect/effect). No contraction should be used. Your sentences should be clear, concise, and complete. Proper writing is worth 3 points.

If you need help finding an article or writing the review, please talk to your instructor or graduate teaching assistant.

The first review paper is due at the beginning of the class on **January 22 (Tuesday)**. The second review paper is due at the beginning of the class on **February 26 (Tuesday)**. Late assignments will receive a penalty of five (5) points per day taken off the final points earned on the assignment.

APA Citation Style¹

References to periodical articles must include the following elements: author(s), date of publication, article title, journal title, volume number, issue number (if applicable), and page numbers.

Examples:

Newspaper article, in print

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1-A2.

Newspaper article, multiple authors, discontinuous pages, in print

Delaney, K. J., Karnitschnig, M., & Guth, R. A. (2008, May 5). Microsoft ends pursuit of Yahoo, reassesses its online options. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. A1, A12.

Newspaper article, no author, in print

As prices surge, Thailand pitches OPEC-style rice cartel. (2008, May 5). *The Wall Street Journal*, p. A9.

Newspaper article, online

Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Magazine article, in print

Kluger, J. (2008, January 28). Why we love. *Time Magazine*, 171(4), 54-60.

Magazine article, online

Abouzeid, R. (2011, August 22). In Libya's wake, pressure builds on Assad. *Time Magazine*. Retrieved from <http://www.time.com>

Magazine article from a subscription database

Colvin, G. (2008, July 21). Information worth billions. *Fortune*, 158(2), 73-79. Retrieved from Business Source Complete (EBSCO) <http://search.ebscohost.com>

¹ Cornell University Library PSEC Documentation Committee. (2010). APA Citation Style. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Library. Accessed on August 23, 2011, retrieved from <http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/apa>

Grading Rubric

Requirements	Points earned
<i>Content</i>	
The source of the article: provide the reference following the APA format.	/ 2 points
A description of the main issues/controversies discussed in the article.	/ 5 points
In your opinion, why should the general public (at the local, state, national, or international level) pay attention to the issues/controversies discussed in the article?	/ 5 points
In your opinion, do the issues/controversies discussed in the article need policy intervention?	/ 1 point
If you think policy intervention is needed, give an example of one type of policy that you would suggest using to address the issues/controversies (e.g., regulations, tax incentives, education programs) and explain how this policy would work. If you do not think policy intervention is needed, explain why not.	/ 5 points
<i>Formatting and writing</i>	
A copy of the original article you reviewed.	/ 1 point
Proper formatting of the paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typewritten and double-spaced (Components 2, 3, 4); • No less than 2.5 pages and no more than 3 pages; • One-inch margins; • Font: Times New Roman, 12 point. 	/ 3 points
Proper writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of punctuation is appropriate; • Spelling is correct; • Use of words is correct (e.g., their/there, affect/effect); • No contraction should be used; • Sentences should be clear, concise, and complete. 	/ 3 points
<i>Total</i>	/ 25 points