

For Students taking Grade 8 Social Studies

Summer Assignment 2019

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This assignment should be printed, completed, and turned in on the first day of school.

Directions: Please follow the web address below, read the article “The Worst Mistakes in the History of the Human Race” from Discover Magazine. Once you read the article, please complete the assignment below. (You can also download the PDF version of the article.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

The template below is designed to help you comprehend web content through a number of considerations. It is important to not only be able to follow along with the explanations and information that you are being provided, but also evaluate its message and assess the perspective that is being presented.

ARTICLE REVIEW TEMPLATE	
Article Title	“The Worst Mistake in the History of the Human Race” (Discover)
Web Address	http://discovermagazine.com/1987/may/02-the-worst-mistake-in-the-history-of-the-human-race
Primary Topic Summary	Explain the content that the article covers. Consider the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why) when constructing your summary. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>4- 5 sentences</i>
Author's Purpose	In this section the focus is on what you believe the author is trying to convey in how they shape the content in the article. Is there a specific argument or perspective that is being presented? What message or theme do you think the author is trying to communicate. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>5 - 6 sentences</i>
Distinguishing Fact from Opinion	Provide 2 or 3 examples of when the author opinion impacts their messaging. Opinions many provide subjective emphasis or bias that helps shape the article and express the author's feelings. Facts are statements whose accuracy can be established using evidence. Use specific evidence from the text. It is appropriate to quote portions of the text when explaining your choices.
Alternative Outlook	In this section you will develop an alternative viewpoint or expression of the content that opposes the author's purpose. Consider how else the content can be shaped or framed that contradicts the way it is presented. Your personal opinion is not relevant to this section. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>4 - 5 sentences</i>
Self-Assessment	How effectively did you understand the article? Did you feel confident in identifying the author/creator's purpose? How clearly were you able to separate facts from opinions? Were there any other challenges you had when attempting to effectively work with the topic? <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>2 - 3 sentences</i>

Name _____

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“The Worst Mistakes in the History of the Human Race”

Using the directions found within the Article Review template. Please print out these two pages to hand in on the first day of class.

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