Current Events Graphic Organizer

Complete the following graphic organizer after you have read your chosen news item. Type your responses between the blue brackets provided.

Be sure to keep a copy of your news article in your Activities folder.

Use the scoring criteria on the following page to assess your work.

What is the name of your news story?	< >
Who wrote your news story?	< >
Who published your news story? How reliable is this information source?	< >
When was your news story published?	< >
What issue does this news story expose? Describe it briefly.	< >
Write an issue question for this issue. *Should . . . ?*	< >
What are the differing perspectives on this issue?	Group: < > Perspectives: < > Group: < > Perspectives: < > Group: < > Perspectives: < >
What is your position on this issue? Provide evidence to support your position.	< >
What is a possible solution to this issue? How would this solution improve our quality of life?	< >

Save your completed organizer to your **Activities** folder.

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	Relevance of Information	**Your Analysis**
Excellent	I have included information that is very relevant to the news item.	I have provided perceptive and detailed analysis of current events. My explanation is thoughtful and convincing.
Satisfactory	I have included information that is general and has some relevance to the news item.	I have provided appropriate analysis of current events. My explanation is predictable.
Limited	Most of the information I have included lacks relevance to the news item.	I have provided simplistic analysis of current events. My explanations are vague or minimal.