

SOCIAL STUDIES 9 UNIT 5: SECTION 2: WORKBOOK 19

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. <i>Should . . . ?</i>	< >
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?	< >

Scoring Criteria: Current Events Graphic Organizer

	Relevance of Information	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 is lacking relevance to the news item.	I have provided simplistic analysis of current events. My explanations are vague or minimal.

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