

Scholars Speak - March 2019 due the week of March 25th - Choose between Current Event OR Problem/Solution



Current Event: This week you are to choose a kid-friendly current event from a printed source (newspaper, magazine article, online article). **In one paragraph**, summarize what the event was about (who, what, where, when, why, and how). **In another paragraph**, share with us why you chose this event and what you learned from reading about this current event. As you write, think about incorporating the different non-fiction writing strategies that we have learned while working on our passion projects/research reports. This is an INFORMATIONAL piece; it should sound scholarly, and be written as if you are the expert on this topic (just like your passion project).

Genre: Informational

Paragraphs: 2 maximum

Resources: Scholastic News, Beach Reporter, Science notes, Science textbook, Edmodo, Internet (if needed- Dogo News, Time for Kids, Tween Tribune, News ELA, and more)



Problem/Solution: You have been studying nonfiction text structures. One way to structure nonfiction text is by discussing a problem and offering a solution. For this Scholars Speak, you will research a current problem. For example, you could research the homeless epidemic, head injuries in football/soccer, rising ocean temperatures, etc. There are many current problems we face today. Pick a current problem and have it approved by your teacher.



In your first paragraph, describe the problem. Who is affected by the problem? How are they affected? Why is it important to make the public aware of this problem? In your research, find some statistics and/or quotes from specialists you can add to your description of the problem.

In your second paragraph, offer a realistic solution to the problem. How would you solve this problem? What are three steps we need to take to begin solving this problem? Who would lead your plan? What materials would you need for your plan to take place? How could your plan be sustainable?

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