A.P.E.S in the News Scrapbook Project

PURPOSE: One of the important goals of science education at the High School level is to help students learn how to make good decisions about public issues. Scientific information is decimated to the public through a variety of media, including newspapers, magazines, broadcasting, internet etc. for this project you will collect, read, and evaluate newspaper and news magazine articles.

A. THE COLLECTION: You must collect a given number of newspaper articles. Each selected article must about or related to some aspect of environmental science – global warming, mining, land use, environmental issues, ecology, biodiversity etc. Articles must be at least 500 words and be selected from reliable news sources. The collection of articles must span the entire year. For each of the articles you must do the following:

- Each article must be mounted on a page (or pages) to be kept in a loose – leaf notebook. Use tape or glue (no staples) – NEATNESS COUNTS! You may use a photo album if you like. You don’t have to have them in a notebook until the final assignment.
- Each page must have the date and source of the article (typed)
- Each article must be accompanied by a typed thorough summary. (several paragraphs)

B. THE ANALYSIS: Once all your articles have been collected, you must do the following:

- Title Page - Give your scrapbook a title that reflects something about the project.
- Organization – Your scrapbook must be organized in some topical manner (not chronological or by source). This scheme need not be explained, but ought to be obvious. You must include a “table of contents” that demonstrates your organizational plan.
- You must select three articles that you found the most interesting and write 2-3 pages on what you learned from them and why they interested you.

C. THE GRADE: Provided that you adequately meet the above criteria, your grade will be determined by the number of articles you have collected. 9 articles will be due on a monthly basis, the other 11 need to be done on your own. (about 2-3 articles per month).

A 20 + articles (must include 3 magazine articles and 6 from the internet, 6 from newspaper and the rest as you choose.)
B  15-19 articles (must include 3 magazine articles and 6 from the internet, 6 from newspaper and the rest as you choose.)

C  10-14 articles (must include 3 magazine articles and 3 from newspapers)

D  Less than 9 articles (may include 3 magazine articles and 4 from the internet)