

8th GRADE CURRENT EVENT

We use both **SRE** and **5 PARAGRAPH FORMAT** for our **CURRENT EVENTS**. A paragraph must have **5 sentences**. Your **CURRENT EVENT**, like most writing in social studies, is a combination of **opinions, facts and** may be even little **persuasion!!!**

Head your paper as shown below:

Name, Period

Current Event Subject

Below is an explanation of what belongs in each of the **5** paragraphs.

INTRODUCTION (1st Paragraph)

- **Introduction Sentence**- For writing in social studies, start with an interesting fact, statistic or thought

- **Summary**- What happened in this article (what it is about and why is it written?)

- **THESIS STATEMENT**- This sentences is where you make a statement, an impression and or opinion about the article followed by **3 Reasons** that support your **statement**

****Your Introduction paragraph ends with your 3 point thesis statement****

EX) Shortridge is a _____ school BECAUSE reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3

BODY PARAGRAPHS

(There are **3** body paragraphs- use SRE in each Body Paragraph)

- **Introduction Sentence**- Start **each** body paragraph with an **interesting** sentence about the **reason**
Statement- Each body paragraph discusses **1** of the **3 reasons** in your **thesis statement** (that's why there are 3!) In the thesis statement your reason is one of 3, but in the **body paragraph**, your reason becomes an independent statement.

Reasoning- Provide reasons for why this "statement" (one of your 3 reasons,) is valid, and persuade me you're right (you do this by using evidence!)

Evidence- Use evidence from the article (quotes) or other sources (if one of your reasons cites something mentioned within the article- look it up on the internet! and use a quote from the material you find) to support your statement

→ 1 paragraph with supportive evidence for each reason (3 total)

- **Conclusion Sentence**- Conclude each body paragraph with a summarizing, **strong thought**

CONCLUSION

- This is where you conclude your paper; it starts with you **3 point thesis statement**, and then re-summarizes your thoughts about the article. Your **"final thought."**