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**8th Grade Summer Science Assignment**

**DUE: September 15, 2017**

**(40 Points)**

Your assignment, this summer, is to find current events that are related to the topics that will be covered in 8th Grade Science. This assignment will give you an advantage with the material that will be presented in the upcoming year. Having knowledge of science that is current and relatable will help you have a better understanding of the material in the science course.

This assignment is worth **40 Points** and will be your first grade of the school year. It is due **September 15, 2017**.

**10 Points:** Over the summer, you are to find related newspaper articles on the following topics:

- 1) Scientific Method
- 2) Global Warming/Climate Change
- 3) Disease/Vaccines
- 4) Genetic Engineering
- 5) Environmental Conservation

**30 Points:** For each article, on a separate sheet of paper, you need to write or type two paragraphs (5-8 sentences each):

- 1) A summary (your own words) of the article.
  - a) Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How
- 2) What you think the article has to do with what we will learn about in the upcoming year, what you have learned about this topic in the past, AND what you found interesting in the article.

These written responses should be thoughtful and articulate and you should staple each article to each response. You may get articles from the internet. **They must be from the following resources: *The New York Times, National Geographic, BBC World News, CNN, The Wall Street Journal, Smithsonian Magazine, and Nature News.***

On the first day of school, you will hand in ALL FIVE articles and responses to your science teacher and begin what is about to be a great senior year!!