**Earth Science Current Event**

**\*This assignment is due by the end of the school day on Wednesday, May 9 2012 (20 points)**

**Instructions:**

A. Find an article about scientific research/observations that was published in a newspaper, magazine or journal. The article must be at least 200 words long. (2 points)

B. Read the article and write down what the scientists were trying to find out (what question were they trying to answer?). (2 points)

C. Answer the following questions:

1. a) Title of the article b) Topic of the article c) Author(s) d) Source of article (name of newspaper, magazine, address/URL and name of internet site) (2 points)
2. a) Write the full name and title (if given) of a person quoted in the article. (If no one is quoted, choose a different article.) b) Why was this person quoted? What is his/her expertise? (2 points)
3. How did scientists obtain the evidence on which this article is based? What steps did they follow, what types of tools did they use, and what type of data did they collect? (3 points)
4. Draw a diagram of the important information explained in this article. Label your drawing with words/descriptions. (Can be done on a separate sheet of paper). (2 points)
5. Write a summary of this article. Your summary must be at least five complete sentences in your own words. Do not use direct quotes from the article.(5 points)

1. Do some more thinking about this article. Write at least one “on my own” question that you would like to ask the author or the scientists involved. (2 point)
2. Turn-in this assignment on or before the due date.

**Useful websites for news if internet is available:**

www.geology.com

www.nasa.gov

www.sciencedaily.com

www.sciencenews.org

**Source: Creech, J. and Hale, G. Literacy in Science: A Natural Fit (promoting student literacy through inquiry) The *Science Teacher*. February 2006.**