Article of the Week

AOW 2nd Quarter Assignment

Z-Chart

**What is it?** AOW stand for the Article of the Week. We will analyze various informational articles that are about current events and topics of interests. These articles will come from various resources such as; newspapers, magazines, journals, etc. Students will **read and annotate** the articles and complete a “Z Chart” graphic organizer.

**How do I complete the Z Chart?**  Read and re-read the informational text distributed in class and follow the format below.

New Title for the Article

3 most important facts written

verbatim (exactly) from the article

skip a line between facts

Draw a detailed picture showing the

article’s main idea.

**Write a one sentence summary of the article (avoid the phrase…The article is about or I’m going to tell you..” get to the point quickly, and do not write more than one sentences. (Hint: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How.)**

**When is it due?** AOW’s will be distributed on Mondays, Mrs. Hyde will introduce the test, we will read it together, and then students will work on it on Monday and it will be due on Tuesday at the start of class.

**Where do I keep it?** AOW articles and Z-Charts are to be kept in your writing folder. Keep all AOW articles and Z – Charts until end of nine weeks.

**Why do we complete AOW and Z-Charts?** Exploring informational text is an essential skill to becoming a proficient reader. This activity allows you to interact with real-world, authentic texts, as well as help you analyze what an article is about and inferring the author’s purpose for writing.

To list facts from the article, you must realize what is happening as you create a picture or visual representation.

This activity helps you think about your thinking as you make inferences and summarize the text in a smaller, compact sentence that is easy to comprehend. You are also practicing using correct punctuation and grammar.