

Grade 7 English Language Arts

Week of March 8 – March 12

Lesson 2: Researching and Note-Taking

All news articles are based on gathered facts and opinions. It is important an article not only have people's opinions but also facts that support their claims. Think about the topic of your main article for your ezine and complete some research so that you can include facts about the subject.

Why is it important to take notes? Most of the information you'll have will be in fully formed sentences and paragraphs. If you just copy that information, or change a few words it's called **plagiarism** which is considered stealing. You're taking someone else's work and submitting it as your own. In most schools, if you copy information you will get a mark of zero and may even fail the course.

In order to demonstrate what you've learned about a topic, you need to submit your own work in your own words. There are two things you can do to help you put it into your own words. First, use more than one source. If you have selected your topic carefully you should be able to find more than one place to get information. Secondly, take notes. Once you've taken the notes use the information to form your own written work.

Complete the following activity, Research.

Name: _____

Date: _____



5.2 Research

My Research Notes About _____

Name: Date:	Research Question 1 (Information I want to include in the article but need facts to support):	Research Question 2 (Information I want to include in the article but need facts to support):	Research Question 3 (Information I want to include in the article but need facts to support):
Research Source 1			
Research Source 2			
Research Source 3			