TIME Magazine Article Summary and Oral Presentation
English 79—Wall

Step One
1) Go to Library Homepage: library.deltacollege.edu
2) Select "Databases" from left margin
3) Scroll all the way down to GoText!
4) Enter the following:
   - In “FIND” box type TIME
   - At “WITHIN” hit the “Title Name” button
   - At “Resource Type” hit “Journals Only”
   - At “Search Type” hit “Begins With”
   - and click the SEARCH button.
5) Click on “Academic Search Premier”
6) On the right side of the screen, click on “Search within this publication”
7) Enter the following
   - The search box will already contain JN TIME. Simply add another word or two.
     Examples:
     JN “Time” and anxiety
     JN “Time” and birth order
     JN “Time” and Mexico and drugs and violence
   - At “Search Modes,” hit “Find all my search terms”
   - At “Limit your results,” check “Full Text”

This should produce results! You will see a list of articles.
Choose one that looks interesting to you.

Step Two
Read your article at least twice. Follow instructions on “How to Write a One Paragraph Summary,” capturing the thesis and all major supporting details as we have done in class.

Step Three
Type a double-spaced one-paragraph summary in 12-point font, no longer than 1½ pages, formatted like this:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time Magazine Article Summary</th>
<th>U.R. Student</th>
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<tr>
<td>“Title of Article” from (date of article) Time</td>
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Turn in the summary by the due date. You will also make a two-minute oral presentation to the class during the semester.
Tips on writing a one-paragraph summary:

- Your opening sentence will be like this:
  
  In “____(title)____” ____ (author) ____ ____ (verb) ____ ____ (thesis) __.

- Next, discuss all major supporting details. You do not have room to include many minor details.

- There is no need to repeat the thesis, even though the author probably does this throughout the article.

- Write in the voice of the author. In other words, avoid saying “The article says…”

- Notice how the article is organized. Your summary should reflect this pattern of organization. For example, if the article is essentially a list, then your summary will also be a list. If the article is a narrative or a presentation of arguments, yours will be also.

Tips for your oral presentation:

- Why did you choose this topic?
- Why is this topic important?
- What background info do your listeners need in order to understand your topic?
- Summarize the article. **No reading** of extended passages from the article is permitted.
- Evaluate the article. Is it fair? Biased? Current?
- After reading the article, do you have any unanswered questions?
- What is the most interesting or startling thing you learned?
- What is one new vocabulary word you learned?
- Optional: bring a visual aid

How to earn a V+ on your oral presentation:

- **DO** present on assigned day
- **DO** ask if anyone has a question
- **DO** ask a question to see how well you were understood
- **DON’T** read your notes