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Science in the News: Part 1

Procedure:

1. Find an article about scientific research/observations that was published in a newspaper, magazine, or journal during the past month. The article must be at least 200 words long, and include at least one quote from a scientist/expert.
2. Read the article and write down what the scientists were trying to find out (what question were they trying to answer)?
3. Underline or highlight in two different colors, the following information:
 - a. The methods the scientists were using (their procedure) and the type of data they collected.
 - b. What the scientists found (results and conclusion)
4. Answer the questions on the sheet labeled Part 2.
5. Staple a copy of the article to this sheet.
6. Turn in the completed assignment on or before the due date of _____

Suggested possible sources (only a small sample of possible sources):

- Any major newspaper (not just US e.g. Guardian, Globe and Mail)
- Major multimedia news outlets (MSNBC, CNN, FOX)
- Scientific American
- Popular Science
- Science Illustrated
- MIT Technology Review
- Wired Magazine
- LiveScience.com
- SciDev.net
- News.Earthsky.org
- WhyFiles.org
- PBS.org/science
- dsc.discovery.com/news/news.html
- Futurity.org

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Questions:

1.
 - a. Title of the article _____
 - b. Topic of the article _____
 - c. Authors _____
 - d. Source (title of newspaper, magazine, journal, or URL/web address)

2.
 - a. Write the full name and title (if given) of one person quoted in the article

 - b. Why do you think this person was quoted? What is his/her expertise?

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?

