SAT Prep

**Article of the Week**

In our ongoing efforts to make you smarter, improve your reading skills, and expand your perspective, you will be required to regularly read good nonfiction articles and classic literature. You will become better informed; you will increase your vocabulary; and you will learn to read more critically.

Each week, you are to find a current article about an important topic that is relevant to you. Exposure to respected national and global news outlets is essential to an educated citizen.

The SAT will ask you to read challenging material; therefore, you must practice by reading complex texts consistently. Here are some suggestions (you are *not* limited to these sources). Many of them have full or limited online access to articles. Some of them your parents or grandparents may already subscribe to, so do some investigating. Many of them can be found in our school library or in your local public library…

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| **Databases:**  *JSTOR* | **Magazines:**  *National Geographic*  *The New Yorker*  *Rolling Stone*  *The Economist*  *The Atlantic* |
| **Newspapers:**  *Washington Post*  *New York Times*  *Wall Street Journal* | **Apps:**  Flipboard  Twitter (follow the right people and organizations) |

**Procedure:**

**Part I:**

* Each week, choose an interesting, timely, thought-provoking article from a reputable source within these categories:
  + Classic or contemporary literature
  + U.S. founding document or a text in the great global conversation they inspired
  + economics, psychology, sociology, or some other social science
  + Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics.
* Make a copy of the article (or print it out if you’ve accessed it online.)
* Read AND annotate the article. Mark up the text to show your interaction with it. Circle unfamiliar words.
* At the end of the month, your four annotated articles (one from each of the above categories will be due.

**Part II:**

* Choose one of your four articles to write a Summary Paragraph and reflection on. See directions on my website under “Analysis Sheet.”

\*\*On the monthly A.O.W. due dates, you will staple your four annotated articles with your Analysis Sheet on top.