SAT Preparation

Current Events and Ideas Article Analysis

On the article:

 While you read, underline or highlight parts of the article that you find interesting, convincing, intriguing, and important. For the parts of the article that suggest the main idea to you, draw a star in the margin next to your underlining/highlighting.

On your paper:

- 1. Record the title, and state the main idea in your own words. What is the central issue about which the author is attempting to persuade or inform the reader? The main idea you write should clearly relate to the title (without repeating it) and should not be too brief.
- 2. Select the three <u>most significant</u> details or facts from the article. Your details must be specific and precise, not generalizations or vague statements.
- 3. Explain why each of the three details you have chosen are important and how they support or relate to the main idea. You need to write at least three sentences—one to explain each detail.
- 4. State your reaction, using an emotion word (angry, interested, hopeful, confused, disturbed, perplexed, intrigued, enlightened), and then explain your response. You need to write multiple sentences.
- 5. Relate some element of the article to your own life and experience. Be specific in describing your connection and in providing details.