



PREVISIT ACTIVITY
for "Body Systems Pathway"

GRADE LEVEL

Grades 4–8

CDE STANDARDS

Science: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

Language Arts: 1,2,4,5,6

PREPARATION

Estimated Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Estimated Activity Time: 10–15 minutes of
discussion time each day of your unit

MATERIALS

Bulletin board

Butcher paper

Bulletin board border

Newspapers

Magazines

Computer with Internet connection
(optional)

The Body Buzz

Learning Goals/Objectives

Students will

- locate news articles about current happenings in health science.
- read and summarize the events contained in a newspaper article.
- discuss current events in health science.

Advanced Preparation

1. Prepare a bulletin board for use during this activity. Cover the bulletin board with brightly colored butcher paper. Provide pushpins or a stapler for students to tack their articles up on the board.

Classroom Activity

1. Introduce the bulletin board to your students. Explain that for part of their homework (or during class time if you choose) they will look through newspapers, magazines, and Internet sites to find current events in health science relating to human body systems.
2. After students have found articles to share, have them complete the summary sheet for each article.
3. Dedicate at least 10–15 minutes of your learning time for students to share and discuss articles for the Body Buzz bulletin board. Ask them to share their summaries about the articles. Allow students to post their articles and summaries on the bulletin board after they've shared them with their classmates.

Variations/Extensions

1. Extend your discussion to include the basics of a newspaper article. Teach students about headlines, leads, etc. Have students write new headlines and leads for their health articles.
2. Discuss how newspaper articles usually answer six questions. Ask students to find the "who, what, where, when, why, and how" in their newspaper article.
3. Have students use the current information they've gathered to write and act out a "Health News" show.

Resources

WEB SITES

- Top 20 Current Events <<http://current-events.nettop20.com/>>
- Partners in Health <<http://www.pih.org/inthenews/index.html>>
- Science Daily <<http://www.sciencedaily.com/>>
- Science News <<http://www.sciencenews.org/>>

PERIODICALS

- Denver Post
- Rocky Mountain News

Name: _____

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Use your health article to answer the questions below.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Source: _____

Main Idea(s): _____

An interesting new fact I learned is _____

A new vocabulary word I learned is _____

It means _____

Name: _____

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Newspaper articles usually answer six important questions. Use your current events article to answer the six questions below.

Who? _____

What? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

Why? _____

How? _____
