NEWSPAPER COMPREHENSION

Name of Article _______________________________

Author _______________________

Source _______________________ Date __________

Before reading the article, survey or skim the text. Pay attention to headlines, subtitles, diagrams, photo captions, first and last paragraphs, first sentences of each paragraph. Based on this survey, predict what the article will be about. This article is about:

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Now read the article. As you are reading, write down some key words or expressions whose meanings seem to be important to understanding the article. Beside each word, write down what you think it means. After you have finished reading the article, find the actual meaning of the words by checking a dictionary.

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- Starting back at the first paragraph, using a highlighter, find the topic sentence and the general idea discussed about the topic.
- Cross out anything that is not important for your understanding or any redundant words that repeat information.
- Write sentences to include all remaining highlighted information.
- Present summary ideas in the same order as the original.
- Revise your summary to make it more concise.
- Compare this summary to your prediction from above.

SUMMARY TIP
The length of your summary determines how much detail you will include. Often summaries are 1/3 to 1/4 the length of the original piece.