



**2024 - 2025 FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE**  
**HS Challenge 4: "In the News"**



**Maximum points for challenge:** 200 points (two entries per school)

**Panel Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:**

- Write a 2-page minimum research paper that carefully examines the accuracy and validity of the article’s claims
- Provide a clear analysis of the information presented, incorporating at least two additional sources of evidence—such as scientific studies, expert opinions, or government reports—that either support or contradict the claims made

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max. Points</b>	<b>Judge 1 Initials:</b>	<b>Judge 2 Initials:</b>	<b>Judge 3 Initials:</b>	<b>Judge 4: Initials:</b>
<b>Relevance to Theme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chosen article specifically references a current or historic environmental justice issue</li> <li>• Research paper clearly dictates environmental issue and the framing of chosen article</li> </ul>	20				
<b>Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research paper clearly demonstrates an understanding of the chosen environmental justice issue</li> <li>• Research paper incorporates at least 2 additional sources of evidence that either support or contradict (or both) the claims made in the original source</li> </ul>	90				
<b>Written Description</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research paper is well structured and contains at least 2 images that strength argument or are relevant to analysis of original article</li> <li>• Paper is clear, well-written, free from errors and at least 2 pages long</li> </ul>	60				
<b>Works Cited</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include sources in MLA or APA format.</li> </ul>	10				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>				

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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School:	Student(s):		
<b>Requirements</b> (20 points)			
Project is labeled with <b>full school name (no acronyms please) and student(s) names</b>	4 points _____		
<b>Entry Form</b> submitted with entry.	2 points _____		
Description is typed and 2 pages in length	6 points _____		
Paper includes at least 2 additional works cited	6 points _____		
Submitted on time (late entries may not receive points)	2 points _____		
<b>Meets Requirements (circle one):</b> Y / N	<table border="1"><tr><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>20 points</td></tr></table>	_____	20 points
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1. **AVERAGE: JUDGES' SCORES FROM SUBTOTALS** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **TOTAL SCORE: ADD REQUIREMENTS TO AVERAGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Placement: Please specify that rationale for awarding this entry.**