

## Challenge Activities

Choose any of the following challenge activities-

### 1) Listen- 1-5 pts

Go to <http://www.sciencefriday.com/kids/> It is the web site for NPR Science Fridays. There are many subjects that you can choose from.

- 1- Click on a subject that interests you.
- 2- Click on a show that interests you.
- 3- Read through the summary to be sure the program interests you.
- 4- Scroll down to where it says listen to the program, click on the program you want to use. Some of the programs are available to Podcast that you can download and listen to later either on the computer or on your MP3 player.
- 5- Write down the questions under "For Discussion"
- 6- Listen to the entire program and answer the questions.

**TO HAND IN-** the answers to your questions on a sheet of paper that includes the subject of the show as well as the title of the program.

### Read- 1-5 pts

Read a science article. You can find articles in magazines, newspapers, journals and on the web. If you are not sure if it is appropriate check with your teacher BEFORE you start reading. Read the article, write a 2-4 paragraph summary about the article and write a 2-4 paragraph reaction to the article.

**Summary-** Highlight the main ideas in your own words. Organize your paragraphs. They should have topic sentences, supporting details and concluding sentences.

**Reaction-** What did the article make you think about? Make a connection. How did you feel about what the author was saying? Will you make any changes in your life as a result of reading this article? Did you agree with what the author was saying?

**Resources:** <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/science/index.html>,  
<http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/>, NY Times Tuesday Science Times, Newsweek, Time, Ranger Rick, National Geographic

**TO HAND IN-** A copy of the article stapled to your Summary and Reaction.