

Guided Article Analysis Worksheet:

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Article Title: AZ drought Persists
Author/News Outlet: Hayleigh Evans Link (if digital): Arizona Republicans

1. Understanding the Article

A. What is the main topic of the article? Write 1-2 sentences summarizing what the article is mostly about.

This article explains the severity of Arizona's ongoing drought, comparing it to past historic droughts and detailing how low snowpack and dry conditions increase wildfire risks and strain water supplies.

B. What are 2 key facts or information mentioned in the article?

- This short-term drought is one of the worst Arizona has seen in 1,200 years, according to tree ring research.
- Lack of snowpack and precipitation will likely lead to an early and intense wildfire season due to dry soils and warm temperatures.

C. What causes of climate change are mentioned (if any)?

☒ Human activity

☐ Pollution

☐ Fossil fuels

☐ Deforestation

☐ Natural events

☐ Other: _____

2. Local Impact: Arizona Connection

A. How does this article connect to climate change in Arizona?

☒ Drought

☐ Water shortages

☒ Wildfires

☐ Heatwaves

☐ Agriculture problems

☐ Other: _____

Explain your answer (2-3 sentences):

The article describes the extreme drought in Arizona, worsened by rising temperatures linked to climate change. It also explains how reduced snowpack and dry conditions increase the risk of wildfires threatening local ecosystems and communities.

B. Does the article mention any people, places, or events in Arizona or tribal communities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who or what is mentioned?

The Salt River Project, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Roosevelt Lake, University of Arizona researchers (Michael Gochman, David Meko), and specific weather events in Arizona.

3. Analyzing the Author's Purpose

A. Why do you think the journalist wrote this article? (Check all that apply)

☒ To inform

☐ To persuade

☒ To warn or raise awareness

☐ To entertain

☐ Other: _____

B. What tone or emotion did you feel while reading this article?

☒ Concerned ☐ Hopeful ☐ Angry ☐ Inspired ☐ Confused ☐ Other:

4. Your Thoughts and Reflection

A. What is one question you still have after reading this article?

What specific measures are being taken by Arizona's communities to prepare for or mitigate the impacts of this prolonged drought and increased wildfire risk?

B. How does this issue personally affect you, your family, or your community?

It raises awareness about water conservation and the need to prepare for wildfire risks in my area.

C. What is one thing you or your class could do in response to this issue?

We could support local conservation efforts, educate ourselves about wildfire safety, and promote water-saving habits at home and school.