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Period 3
Science Article

"Isotope Shortage Threatens Care"

Because a nuclear reactor in Canada shut down, there is a shortage of Technetium-99. Technetium-99 is a radioactive material used to help detect cancer and heart disease.

Technetium-99 lasts less than a day, and the reactor in Canada made half of America's supply.

Clinics are doing scans on weekends if there is Technetium-99 available, and are using less of it for each scan. The cost of the material will double soon. Doctors will have to use other ways to scan that cost more and are more dangerous. 40,000 patients are scanned in the U.S. every day using Technetium-99.

Weekly Science Article Reports

This is an example of a **weekly science article report**. The student's **name**, the **date**, the **class period** and the **assignment title** - "Science Article" - appear in the upper right. The **title of the article** is the title of the paper.

The report is **two paragraphs** which summarize the article **in the student's own words**. The student picked out the **most important ideas** in the article and explained them. Your article doesn't have to be this complicated - it just has to be **something about science** published in the **last three months**.

The student included the **original article** (a **photocopy is okay** - *please DON'T tear articles out of magazines in the library!*), and has written in the **source** (Arizona Republic), the **date it was published** (Aug. 16, 2009), and the **page number** (A-18). The original article should be **stapled to the report and turned in**. A science article is due **every Friday** (if Friday is a holiday, Mrs. B. will tell you when it is due).

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