Hydraulic Fracturing News Article Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Earth Science Homework Due \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Part B: Article Analysis.

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* Cut out, print, or photocopy the article.
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  1. Highlight the sentences of the article that you believe are *pro*-fracking.
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1. Overall, do you think your article is pro-fracking, anti-fracking, or neutral towards fracking?
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