

HONORS BIOLOGY CURRENT EVENT SUMMARIES GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

In order to maintain up-to-date knowledge of recent advances in other disciplines of science beyond their field of expertise, professional scientists must regularly read appropriate newspapers, magazines, and websites. The following guidelines were developed to help you become familiar with one of the tools used by biologists for keeping current in disciplines outside their area of expertise.

OBJECTIVE

- You will enhance your learning in Honors Biology through the reading of current event articles relating to the general topics covered in class.

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

For this assignment, you are required to locate a minimum of five (5) articles from the Internet, newspapers, or magazines that relate to Biology. Each article you select must be a minimum of 500 words in length. You will post a brief (200-300 word) summary of the article on your assigned page of the course website. In addition, each summary should also include your interpretations and opinions concerning the science presented. If the article is not available online, a hard copy of the article must be handed in on the day the assignment is due.

FORMAT

- **Bibliographic Information**
 - Title of Article
 - URL of Article (if available online)
 - Author(s) Name(s)
 - Title of Website/Newspaper/Magazine
 - Posting/Printing Date of Article
- **Article Summary and Personal Reaction**

Include a detailed summary of the content of the article.
- **Personal Reaction**

Give your interpretations and opinions regarding the content of the article, as well as how it relates to information that has been covered in class, if applicable.

Your five Current Event Summaries are due to be posted to your assigned page on the course website by **Monday, October 7th**.

Name: _____

Honors Biology Current Event Summaries Rubric

Point break-down for each summary (5 pts total)

- **Bibliographic Information (1 pt)**
 - Title of Article
 - URL of Online Articles
 - Author Name(s)
 - Title of Website/Newspaper/Magazine
 - Posting/Printing Date of Article
- **Article Summary (2 pts)**
 - Detailed summary of the content of the article.
- **Personal Reaction (2 pts)**
 - Interpretations and opinions regarding the content of the article, as well as how it relates to information that has been covered in class, if applicable.

_____/5 - Summary #1

_____/5 - Summary #2

_____/5 - Summary #3

_____/5 - Summary #4

_____/5 - Summary #5

_____/25 - TOTAL

_____/100 (TOTAL x 4)

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