

ARTICLE CRITIQUE GUIDELINES

Biology 107 – Introduction to Biology

You are required to an article critique for this class. The article critique is written on an article that that is provided for you by the instructor. These articles will be posted on the instructor's webpage. Choose one that interests you. You will summarize, analyze and react to its content through a written essay.

The final assignment is due 11/21/11.

FOR NOVEMBER 21ST:

Article format guidelines:

On the **title page**, TYPE the following information:

1. Name of author(s) of the article.
2. Publication date of the article (not older than 18 months).
3. Title of article.
4. Name of journal/magazine from which the article was taken.
5. Page numbers on which the article appears in the publication (or its web address).

The essay must be at least 2 FULL pages, but no longer than 3 full pages, in length and must be typed in 12 point regular font, double-spaced and have 1” margins on all sides of the page. You will receive credit for following these instructions.

Article content guidelines:

The following must be included in the critique **to receive full credit for the assignment:**

1. A **BRIEF SUMMARY (no longer than ½ page)** of the article **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**. What was the article about?
2. **Describe and DISCUSS the merits and validity** of the article. Is the article supported by evidence, data, citation and a reliable, credible source (i.e. a Scientist)? Consider the scientific method, how scientists communicate their data, anecdote vs. data. Be a skeptic! Students usually lose points on this part because they do not DISCUSS the merits! The content of chapter 1, section 5 will help this this part as well.
3. **PERSONAL REFLECTION**. Describe what you learned and **DISCUSS** how this knowledge **affects or applies to you**. How have your values, attitudes, and/or behaviors been altered by reading the article? Be careful not to just list what you read about, that is what the summary is for!
4. **List three questions** that arose in your mind while reading the article.
5. **The words in BOLD above are critical to completing the assignment correctly.**