

Magazine Article Write-up Guidelines

The advances in all fields of science seem to come at an exponential rate. What we study today may be modified or amended tomorrow, just as much of today's knowledge is rooted in the past.

ARTICLES: When selecting an article, be sure it is from a major JOURNAL or reputable website. The article will be related to a topic studied in class. If you are selecting an article, be sure it's long (three or more pages in length). Good sources would be Scientific American, Discover, Science, Smithsonian, or the like.

Please organize your write-ups using the following sections:

1. Bibliographical information: author, title, publication date, volume number...
2. Introduction: Define or describe the major terms in the title and tell why the subject is important.
3. Content: What was the article about? What were the main concepts and ideas that were discussed? What was the question the author was investigating? What methods did he/she use? What evidence was uncovered to support a new idea? Were any old ideas overturned? This section should make up the main body of your paper.
4. Summary and Evaluation: Restate the main areas of importance in the magazine article and discuss the quality of it from your perspective as a student of biology. Did you find it of interest? Useful? Readable? Boring? Would you recommend it to another member of the class? Please explain the answers you give to these questions.
5. When you turn in your write-up, please staple your copy of the article to your paper OR give me the link where I might find the story. I'd prefer these assignments to be as paperless as possible.