

Biology: Scientific Journal Articles

Grade Level: College Freshman

Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The purpose of this lesson is for students to relate what they have learned in their biology class to real life experiences.• This lesson will help the students find different articles that relate to what they have learned in class.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search for scientific journals online that are related to a topic they covered in class and summarize them in one full page• Show how the articles relate to the topics from class
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer• Internet• Mytodos.com• Microsoft Word
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Before beginning the assignment, the student needs to pick a topic to research that is related to something they have learned in class.2. The student needs to get their topic accepted by their teacher.3. Once their topic is approved, the students need to find two scientific journals regarding their topic.4. After the articles are approved, the students then need to summarize both of the articles in two pages.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These articles need to be cited and made sure there is no plagiarism.5. The article summaries need to be completed in two weeks. To help keep track of the due dates the student should use MyTodos.com to organize their work.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a separate due date for the approval of the topic, approval of the journal articles and finally the final draft of the assignment.• Also, it will be helpful for the students to use MyTodos.com so they do not wait last minute to complete the assignment. It will help them keep organized and on track.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After they have turned in their article summaries, they will be graded. If there are any problems regarding plagiarism, the students will have a chance to fix their mistakes.• Also, the students will make a quick presentation in front of the class on the topic they chose. They will have to tell the class how it relates to what they have learned in class.