

Biology 121H: Information and Format for News Article Analyses

Articles are to be taken from the Los Angeles or New York Times and a copy of the article should be stapled to the Analysis. You must search the paper thoroughly to find the article and not simply go to the weekly science review or “Science File” in the newspaper. If the newspaper is accessed via the internet a printed copy of the article must be provided. Be sure that the article is directly related to MARINE BIOLOGY.

The due dates for the articles **every Thursday** starting with the second week of class. The articles analyzed must have been published during the time period since the last submission, i.e. from that week before and up to Thursday. They must be **stapled** and placed on the instructor’s podium before the lecture begins. NO UNSTAPLED (NO PAPER CLIPS) OR LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Each analysis is worth 5 points.

The analysis should be single spaced with number 11 or 12 font. The following should be included in the analysis and formatted as it is in the numbered format below:

1. Your name
2. Class meeting days (MW or TTh)
3. The date the article is submitted
4. Title and date of the article
5. Name of the news source
6. The subject of the article, e.g. policy, fisheries, climate (relating to marine biology), etc.
7. A summary of the contents of the article, i.e. what it says
8. Critical thinking: comment on the accuracy, completeness and the author’s interpretation of the factual content of the article – that is: (1) are facts presented and is the source credible/reliable; (2) do you agree with the interpretation based on the FACTS presented; and (3) is there enough information you trust to make this article a reliable source of information?
9. Staple a copy of the news source BEHIND the page with the analysis.