

Chemistry and Society

Fall Semester 2009

Written Assignment

1. Start a file of newspaper, magazine and internet articles from 2009 on topics relevant to the material discussed in this course.
 - organize the articles by topic
 - label each article with: publication name, date, page numbers and author's name
 - sources for articles: local or national newspapers, news magazines, library and internet databases
2. Select a group of articles (minimum of 5) that relate to **one** of the topics in this course.
3. Turn in the topic on which you have decided to write - **due by Oct. 12th**
4. Write a two page paper on the scientific content of the selected articles - **due by Nov. 23th**
 - typed, double spaced, one-inch margins, plus a cover page with your name and title
 - the paper must be clear, coherent, and written in good English
 - you should summarize, criticize, point out essential information that is missing, indicate any fallacies in the articles, discuss the importance of the topic and the reasons for your interest
 - refer to each article as appropriate in your paper. For example, "Article (1) claims that pollution from automobiles is decreasing, but as you can see in article (2) ..."
 - you must explicitly acknowledge any material which you take from another source

WHAT TO HAND IN:

- your topic title (by October 12th)
- your two page paper (by November 23th)
- attach your articles on this topic (original or photocopy), including author, publication name and date, page numbers to your submitted paper

PAPER WILL BE GRADED ON:

- the relevance, timeliness, and quality of the articles
- the insight into the scientific issues which you demonstrate
- the coherence and clarity of your paper
- originality
- points will be deducted if your topic or paper are handed in late

NAME _____

Please print legibly

DATE RECEIVED _____

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TOPIC _____

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