

BIO 205
Written Assignment Evaluation

Written assignment:

The assignment for this problem is to choose a microbial agent that you must choose based on a clip or any other report that has appeared in the media. For example, in Consumer Reports there was a brief article on a group receiving an award for their role in preventing nosocomial infections. You also need to go to the library and ferret out several primary references (**at least two**) and one other reference that discuss this disease. Although a substantial amount of information is available on Internet, the information is usually not reviewed and therefore not reliable. Thus web references **cannot be used** as one of the three required references. At least two of the references must be from 2000 or later. You may concentrate on the symptoms, treatment, mechanisms or prevention of the disease, or any combination. Write a two page (double-spaced, 10 to 12 point font) review of the disease. Include your references on the third page but don't forget to reference them within the text of the paper. The final draft of the paper must be typed with one inch margins on all sides. The final draft of the paper will be **due on April 8th, 2008**.

Grading:

The papers are graded according to the following matrix:

Value	Score
Topic	10
Content	40
Conclusion	15
Proper use of English and Spelling	10
References: Number and depth of search	20
References: Citation	5
Total Score	100
Penalty for late paper	-50
Grade – out of 20 points possible	

- There should not be any “You’s” or “I’s” or “We’s”
- Remember that diseases and organisms can not have animate phrases associated with them.
- Do not use slang.
- Limit the use of 'this' and they and there and
- The conclusion at the end of the paper should not be a verbatim rehash of what you have already written. You need to summarize the main points of your paper

There should be **NO quotes** within the text of the paper. Ideas and thoughts that are not your own must be properly referenced at the end of the sentence or paragraph by reference number or by the first author's last name and year of publication. Please list **ALL authors** in the references cited section at the end of the paper. If papers are not proof-read and contain errors along these lines, an automatic reduction of 15 points will occur from the content value. In general, it **is not appropriate** to use semi-colons or colons in scientific writing. Letters to the editor **ARE NOT** examples of a primary reference. **NO WIKIPEDIA** – it is NOT a peer-reviewed scientific source and really should never be used if you are looking for trustworthy information.