

BIOLOGY PAPER

1. Select a topic of your choice concerning an environmental issue. Some suggested topics include: global warming, biological magnification, animal extinction, waste management, air pollution, destruction of wetland habitats, water pollution, energy conservation (recycling), alternative energy sources (solar, wind, geothermal), human population growth (zero population growth), destruction of tropical rain forests, acid rain, effects of clear cutting, effects of strip mining, changes in the ozone layer, salinization, desertification, deforestation, and emerging diseases.
2. Read a review article and supporting information on your topic. You may choose from such journals and magazines as: Nature, Scientific American, Discover, Bioscience, Natural Geographic, American Scientist, and others as approved by your instructor.
3. Summarize the article in one concise paragraph. Then answer the following questions: What are the issues, both pro and con? What is your position on the topic and why? Be sure to back your position with facts, both from the article and other references. Are there any signs of bias in the article (i.e. does the author support one side more than the other because of his interests?)?
4. The paper should be no more than 2 typed double spaced pages using Times New Roman font size 12, with all margins equal to 1 inch. It must have a cover page with your name and section number. Check spelling and grammar and cite all references by MLA format. Attach a copy of your article to the paper.

Grading:

Choice of topic/article	10
Summary	20
Syntax, grammar, spelling	10
Discussion	25
References (3 minimum)	10
Total	75