

Bio 2 in the News – extra credit assignment

- Write a 1-2 page summary of a recent scientific finding related to evolution or ecology and cite appropriate references
 - Some places to look for articles, but look around on your own!
 - BBC earth
 - Science section of favorite news site (e.g. NY Times)
 - HHMI bio-interactive (<https://www.hhmi.org/biointeractive>)
 - Evolution in the new archive from Understanding Evolution site from UC Berkeley (http://evolution.berkeley.edu/evolibrary/news/newsarchive_01)
- The 1-2 page summary should include
 - A descriptive title
 - Summarize the main finding
 - Describe how it informs our understanding of evolution or ecology
- Attach a reference section after your summary. The reference section should include
 - **A bibliography-style reference of the article containing the story.**
 - **A bibliography-style reference of the original scientific article.**
 - You can find information about citations at http://www.utsa.edu/tlc/Learning_Technology/cite_right/ . I'm not picky about style.
 - **Look up the scientific article and read at least the abstract. Cut and paste the abstract at the end of the reference section.**
 - Sometimes it's a bit tricky to find, but your news article almost always points to a scientific paper. You can search for articles using the UTSA library databases. If you have trouble, get help at the library.
- Submit your summary (including the reference section) in blackboard
- Each submission should be independent and each student can submit at most one assignment.
- I will briefly look at the submission and assign extra credit based mostly on effort.
 - To encourage early submissions, maximal credit will decline during the semester:
 - 2% before exam 2
 - 1.5% before exam 3
 - 1% before exam 4
 - No submissions after the final midterm exam