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**Practicing Scientific Literacy (PSL)**

**Objective:** A major objective of this course is for you to read a general public article that is scientifically based and not be hesitant or scared to continue reading it. I want you to be comfortable when these issues are brought up and to make research based, not emotional, decisions on how to deal with them. This is the purpose of the PSL assignment. Some PSL's will be completed in class while others at home. The articles originate from science journals or major news agencies such as ABC, CNN, FOX, or MSNBC. You should be able to access any of these journals (in print/ websites) or watch issues on TV and be able to make connections between scientific based reports as well as materials covered in class to your personal life.

**Directions:** Read the article for this week. Next, respond to the items listed below. Please be neat. Answers to questions should be complete and at grade level, which does not necessarily mean long! If you were given the option to choose the article please attach it to the PSL. If I assigned the article, you need not attach a copy. Write only on the PSL assignment sheets. You may use the back of this paper if necessary.

**Article Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Article Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Article Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Article Focus:** In one paragraph I would like you to provide me with the main subject of this new report/article.

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**Course Relevance:** In one paragraph I would like you to connect the article with topics and/or discussions that we have talked about during our class.

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**Comment:** Did learning this material in class help you to understand the main points of the article? Explain.

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**Personal Relevance:** In one paragraph I would like you to provide me with at least one impact that this article has on your personal life (good or bad). This is to be very specific to you and no one else. All you need is one example. If there are multiple impacts on you and/or your family then include them in your answer. **NOTE:** If you cannot think how this topic has an impact on your own personal life then write how it might impact the people of Lenoir City, TN and surrounding areas.

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