

Practicing Scientific Literacy (P.S.L.)

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 realistic, not emotional, decisions on how to deal with them. This is the purpose of the P.S.L. assignment. Some will be completed in class while others at home. The articles originate from major news agencies such as ABC, CNN, FOX, or MSNBC. At this point in your life you should be able to go on to any of these sites or watch them on TV and be able to make connections of scientific based reports to your personal life as well as materials covered in class.

Directions: Read the article for this week. Then respond to the items listed below. Please be neat. Answers to questions should be complete and at grade level. That does not necessarily mean long! Please do not write on the article. I will collect them back at the end of the class. Only write on the P.S.L. assignment sheets, which is what I will be handing back to you.

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.

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

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

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. This is to be very specific to you and no one else. All you need is one. If there are multiple impacts on you and/or your family then include them in your answer. Please come up to me if you need assistance on this section. **NOTE:** If you cannot think of how this topic has an impact on our own personal life then write it from the point of view of the impact on the people of Brevard County, Florida.
