

## Scientific Communication Writing Assignment Rubric – Peer Evaluation

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**assignment reviewed:** 4

Using the rubric below, please evaluate each of your assigned news articles in each of the areas shown, filling out a separate evaluation form for each news article. Please highlight the part of the rubric text that explains why you chose a specific assessment category. In the “General Feedback” section at the bottom of this form, please include more specific feedback, including things that you liked as well as things that you feel could be improved upon and suggestions on how to improve them.

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
<b>Content:</b> <b>Does the news article convey the writer’s understanding of a biological topic?</b>	The news article introduces a biological topic and clearly illustrates the writer’s understanding of the topic including what is known and not known about it and how understanding the biology associated with the topic helps us understand larger issues or concepts.	<b>The news article introduces a biological topic and presents information about it, but the topic is not explained clearly or doesn’t distinguish between what is known vs. what is not known or doesn’t explain how understanding the biology associated with the topic helps us understand larger issues or concepts.</b>	The news article does not illustrate the writer’s understanding of the topic and does not indicate what is known vs. what is not known or how understanding the biology associated with the topic helps us understand larger issues or concepts.
<b>Audience:</b> <b>Is the writing appropriate for the target audience?</b>	The news article avoids jargon and clearly defines terms and ideas for a non-expert audience.	<b>The news article defines or explains some terms, but some key terms or ideas would be challenging for a non-expert audience.</b>	The news article lacks definitions and explanations, making the topic inaccessible to a non-expert audience.
<b>Organization:</b> <b>Is the news article clearly organized?</b>	The news article is well organized and easy to follow with good	The news article is generally organized and easy to follow but	<b>The news article is disorganized, and the information presented doesn’t flow well.</b>

	transitions between the paragraphs.	conceptual connections aren't always clear.	
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	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
<b>Format, spelling &amp; grammar:</b> <b>Does the news article follow the recommended format and is it free of writing errors?</b>	The news article follows guidelines for paper length and format and has been carefully proofread for spelling and grammatical mistakes.	<b>The news article is outside the recommended length or does not conform to the formatting guidelines; the news article contains a small number of spelling and/or grammatical errors.</b>	The news article is significantly outside the recommended length and does not conform to the formatting guidelines; the news article contains numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors.
<b>Citations:</b> <b>Are the citations presented appropriately?</b>	The news article contains appropriate in-text citations and a list of references for all source material.	<b>The news article is missing either appropriate in-text citations or a list of references.</b>	The news article is missing appropriate in-text citations and a list of references OR citations are missing for one or more sources.
<b>Rationale for choosing topic:</b> <b>Did the writer indicate why they chose the topic?</b>	<b>The rationale for choosing the topic is clearly explained.</b>		No rationale for the topic's choice is provided.

**General feedback (5 points):**

Consider explaining what Parkinsons is in the first paragraph because that is your topic. Indent paragraphs so it is easier to read. I think it also needs to be proofread, the explanation of the article is thorough but some redundant words make it unclear. I think you may want to add more background information to help understand the first article's content. Also needs in-text citations. I like the conclusion connecting this research to understanding other mental illnesses!

**Overall assessment (excellent, good, needs improvement):**

I think this article is good but needs to be proofread and edited to create a better flow. The explanation of each article is thorough but some wording is unclear and could be improved. Overall, I think with proofreading this essay will be excellent.