

## Biology 11: Current Events Assignment (25 marks)

This assignment is designed to have you become familiar with how **Biology** affects us in our everyday lives by investigating a current topic or area of concern / research related to the field of Biology. Everyone in the class will investigate a different topic and then share the information with the class in two ways:

- Prepare a poster for classroom display.
  - Be sure to include important information such as: the title of your topic, a summary of the issue (**in your own words!**), your personal insight or comments, any relevant pictures, charts or diagrams, and a full reference list. The poster should highlight the key points.
  - **15 marks**
- Share the information you have discovered with the class in a short 5 - 10 minute presentation.
  - Use your poster to point out the highlights and be prepared to give a summary, your interpretation, personal insight, where or how you found the article and why you were interested in it.
  - You will also want to understand your topic well enough to be able to answer some questions on it.
  - You may use short video clips, or other props as well.
  - **10 marks**

You may use reputable Internet sites, newspapers or journals as your initial starting point. Do not limit yourself to a single resource. Be sure to include **at least two different sources** (ie. one internet site and one journal article), and incorporate them both into your summary.

Below is a list to give you a starting point for places which may give you ideas:

- TV and Radio news
- TV programs (Discovery Channel, Nature of Things)
- Local Newspapers (Headlines, *Times Colonist* "Earth week")
- Journals such as *Scientific American*, *Discover* or *Life*
- Keyword search on your topic
- Internet sites such as:
  - <http://www.sciencenews.org>
  - [http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/plants\\_animals/biology/](http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/plants_animals/biology/)
  - <http://www.discovermagazine.com>
  - <http://www.sciam.com>

**In order to make this more relevant, choose a topic of interest to you!!**