

2009-10 Summer Assignment
AP Biology: Ed Chapman

This assignment is based on tracking a current events topic through time using print or electronic newspaper sources. From this assignment I will measure your ability to write clearly, analyze data, and communicate a theme.

You will:

1. Identify a **SINGLE** current events topic dealing with biological science.
2. Collect 10 articles (cut out or printed out) on a **SINGLE** science topic of your choice over the months of June, July, and August.
3. Complete a data sheet for each article.
4. Summarize a trend in the reporting of this topic in an essay at least two pages long.
5. Organize your articles in chronological order in a bound report, with your essay at the end.

Preferred Sources

Washington Post
New York Times
Scientific American
USA Today
Time
Newsweek
Discover Magazine

Preferred Topics

Genetic Engineering/DNA research
Biodiversity/Conservation/Endangered Species
Reproductive Technology (cloning/infertility)
Climate Change
Human evolution/research/genomics
Medical Advancements/cancer/surgery
Carbon Emissions and politics

Data Sheet

1. Author:
2. Publication date:
3. Source:
4. Three follow-up questions that you develop from your understanding of the article.
5. A list of science vocabulary words used in the article that may appear in AP Biology.
