



STW/STEM Summer Reading 2017

Overview

For STW/STEM, you will have to read six articles over the course of the summer. After you read each article, you should write a reflection. Your reflection should first summarize the article, then offer your personal opinions. When you are writing, consider the following questions: Was the article interesting? Can I see any other applications of this work? What follow-up studies would I do if I were working in that field? The due dates for these reflections are staggered throughout the summer. For each checkpoint, you will have to read one article that has been chosen for you, and one that you select from the list provided. You should write your reflections in a word processor and submit them to Ms. Curran (smcurran@wpi.edu) as email attachments.

Reflection requirements:

- Your writing should be in the form of a 1-2 page, double spaced essay, in 12 pt font.
- At the top of your paper, include your name, the current date, and the article number.
 - Articles can be retrieved from: <http://users.wpi.edu/~smcurran/summer/>
 - Please do not redistribute these articles.
- Develop well-organized reflections that
 - Summarize the major points of the article.
 - Provide your thoughts about the article (ex. Importance of this research, future implications, possible extensions, lingering questions).

	Assignment	Due by
Checkpoint 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01• Your choice	July 11, 2017
Checkpoint 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 02• Your choice	July 25, 2017
Checkpoint 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 03• Your choice	August 7, 2017

Goals

The main goals of this assignment are to help you

- Become critical readers of science articles
- Stay current with science topics
- Acquire exposure to different fields of science
- Learn about new areas of research