

Evaluating Science in the Media

Each week, I will post an article on a science-related topic from the popular media on Edmodo. Your task is to write a one to two paragraph response to the article. My expectations are that, using complete sentences, you will:

- Briefly summarize the findings presented in the article (2-3 sentences).
- Describe the recommendations provided (if relevant).
- Critique the validity of the analysis presented in the article:
 - Does it reference a peer-reviewed paper or study?
 - Does the take-home message of the article match the science?
 - Is any information missing that would help interpret the results?
 - Does the article present the information in an unbiased way, or is it trying to persuade readers to a particular point of view?

Each assignment will be worth 10 points. Full points will be awarded for work that is on time and thorough, addressing the criteria described above.