Writing Assignment: Critical Evaluation of a Scientific Journal Article in Biology
Biology 2108 Fall 2006
Dr. Carruth

Student: _________________________________

1. Title Value = 5 pts possible. __________________
2. Introductory paragraph Value = 10 pts possible. __________________
3. Body paragraphs Value = 35 pts possible. __________________

Did you address the following points?

   i. questions asked by the investigators (experimental questions) _________
   ii. why the investigators asked those questions (background) _________
   iii. what the investigators predicted (hypothesis) _________
   iv. what the investigators did (methods) _________
   v. what data they reported (results) _________
   vi. what their conclusions were (discussion) _________
   vii. Final body paragraph (bio sketch) _________

4. Concluding paragraph Value = 10 pts possible
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5. Literature cited. Value = 15 pts possible
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6. Grammar and a writing style

Point Value: 75 points (11% of final course grade) Your total: __________________________