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Welcome to Critical Reading in Science!

In this course we will read and discuss a variety of articles that are related to science and technology. Although this course is not meant to teach certain areas of quantities of science knowledge or content, our class time will sometimes require us to learn some background information on a topic.

Each week during class we will read and discuss an article. In the first few weeks we will work on the skills of identifying main ideas and supporting evidence. We will use these to build a summary of the article we read. As we move forward in this class the articles we read will be more challenging. Also, you will be asked to write responses that show a greater depth of understanding.

On your own, (as homework) you will be asked to attempt the skill that was worked on in class. These assignments will be handed in the following week and graded. You must complete ten homework articles and they are worth 75% of your grade. The final 25% of your grade will be based on a take home essay that you will write. As we approach the second half of our class meetings, we will begin to talk about developing the tools needed to write an essay that expresses your opinion on a science related topic.