Library Assignment for NSCI 190

This assignment should take you 1-2 hours, and will most easily be done in the library. You can do it at home using your library password, or in the library. You will need to print or photocopy 3 pages for this assignment, which will cost you 10 cents per page in the library. If you need help, contact Cathy Outten at Cathy.Outten@csulb.edu, or Khue Duong at Khue.Duong@csulb.edu, your NSCI librarians.

Part 1: Keeping Current with the Science Literature

Find the website for a journal in your planned major subject area (e.g. *Journal of the American Medical Association* if you are planning to go into medicine). If you need ideas of journals to choose from, try the *Journal Citation Reports* database (Library Homepage -> Databases by Title -> Journal Citation Reports).

Title of the journal:

What is the URL?:

Can you sign up to receive the table of contents in your email? (This may come under many terms, such as “Email Alerts”) Yes or No?:

Are there any other email alerts you can sign up for? List them here.

Part 2: Journal Research

1. Find an article from *ScienceDirect* on any science topic of interest to you (see here for topic ideas: [http://www.lib.odu.edu/researchassistance/ideagenerator/ideageneratorsciences.htm](http://www.lib.odu.edu/researchassistance/ideagenerator/ideageneratorsciences.htm)). Print out the abstract and at least one page of references from that article (sometimes there are more than one page of references).

What search terms did you type in the search box?:

List the whole citation of the article you chose in APA format (see the library’s citation guide at [http://www.csulb.libguides.com/style](http://www.csulb.libguides.com/style) for help with APA):

List one author and the institution or University where they conduct their work:
2. Select one of the references and circle it. Use these steps to find the original article that is referred to.

What journal is the article in?

What year was it published?

Does CSULB subscribe to that journal? (search COAST for the JOURNAL TITLE at “Locate Specific Journals by Title” from the home page)

If YES:

Does CSULB have the year you need? (If no, follow the instructions for “If No” below, using your journal title.)

1. Is it in print? Find the article and photocopy the first page.

Call # of the journal:

OR

2. Is it online? Print the first page of the article.

URL:

If NO:

On the COAST search results, what is the title of the journal before “your entry would be here”? 

1. Does CSULB have that title in print? Find the most recent issue and photocopy the cover or first page.

Call # of the journal:

OR

2. Is it online? Find the most recent issue and print the first page of the first article.

URL:
Part 3: Reviewing Web Content

Some of the following websites are bogus, untrue joke sites. Circle the real/true sites. See the library tutorial: http://www.csulb.edu/library/tutorial/ and click on section 3 reading 2 for further instructions how.

- Is it Free?  Current?
- Is it Objective?
- Is the Author identified? Written by someone with authority?

Review any one of the websites (true or fake) in a few sentences.

http://www.havidol.com/ Havidol

http://www.dhmo.org/ Dihydrogen Monoxide

http://www.aspartame.org/ Aspartame Information Center

http://www_sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/ National Marine Sanctuaries

http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/ Save The Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/ Bird Guide

Another fun site for you to look at: http://www.peepresearch.org/