

General Information

- 30% of your grade
- Due **May 29, 2008**, when the clock strikes midnight!
- Submit as e-mail attachment to Dr. Gepts
 - Name your attached file “your name Topic” (eg: Ross *Olea europea*).
 - Subject of e-mail: PLB143 Term paper Topic
- ≥5 pages single spaced
- Schedule
 - Sources **May 8, 2007**; e-mail to **Kraig Kraft** with copy to Paul Gepts
 - Advanced draft by **May 20, 2007 (Session 2)**
- Photographs, Illustrations, Diagrams
 - Not Needed to Get an “A”
- Scientific names Ex: *Oryza sativa*, *O. sativa*, *Oryza spp.*
- Prized Writing Contest
 - <http://prizedwriting.ucdavis.edu/>
 - **Wednesday June 12, 2008 (12:00 noon)** at Voorhies Hall main office

Format

- **Scientific review paper**
 - **Abstract**
 - < ½ page summary of entire paper
 - **Introduction**
 - ~ 20% of paper
 - **Results and Discussion**
 - > 50% of paper
 - **Recommended Future Lines of Research**
 - ~ ½ page conclusion

Research Sources

- **≥ 20 Sources Total**
 - 1/3 Websites, 1/3 Book, 1/3 Primary Literature
- **Web Sources**
 - Good for Introduction
 - Record Date Viewed
 - Bookmark Site
- **Book Sources**
 - Good for Results and Discussion, but may be outdated
 - Google books
 - UCD Library, Amazon dot com, PLB 143 textbook (Harlan)
- **Primary Literature Sources**
 - Good for the most recent Results and Discussion
 - Good for Almost any Topic
 - Science Instructors Like These
 - Focus primarily on Abstract, Introduction, Discussion
 - Emphasize the general conclusions rather than the experimental details

Plagiarism

- **Easy to catch**
 - Software
 - Websites
- **Dr. Gepts has a fantastic memory**
 - Reads all papers personally
 - Reads numerous scientific papers on crop plants every year
 - Remembers specifics
- **The University takes this very seriously!**
 - All suspected acts have to be turned over to Student Judicial Affairs per University regulations
- **For more information:**
 - <http://sja.ucdavis.edu/files/plagiarism.pdf>

What is plagiarism?

- *“Plagiarism means using another’s work without giving credit. If you use others’ words, you must put them in quotation marks and cite your source. You must also give citations when using others’ ideas, even if you have paraphrased those ideas in your own words.”*

(from Office of Student Judicial Affairs, UC Davis. Avoiding PLAGIARISM, Mastering the Art of Scholarship.

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Images

- Try to reference directly on image or just below it with a text box.

– Ex:



<http://www.uvm.edu/~classics/slides/c042.jpeg>



<http://www.ancientsculpturegallery.com/sitebuilder/images/049-449x555.jpg>

- Remember to cite your sources and do so accurately!

Various Sources

<http://www.wikipedia.org/>

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

<http://www.fao.org/>

* <http://faostat.fao.org/>

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/index.html>

<http://www.google.com/>

<http://www.who.int/>

<http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/label.html>

<http://www.nutrition.gov/>

<http://allrecipes.com/>

<http://www.nutritionresource.com/>

<http://plants.usda.gov/>

<http://scholar.google.com/>

* <http://www.scirus.com/>

http://www.ucdavis.edu/academics/libraries_collections.html

+ ISI Web of Knowledge