General Information

- 40% of your grade
- Due June 5, 2007
- 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
  - Outline or rough draft May 29, 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 13, 2007 (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  – Good for Results and Discussion, but may be outdated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 will be turned over to Student Judicial Affairs

Images

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

- 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

*http://portal.isiknowledge.com/portal.cgi/wos?Init=Yes&SID=A5LLhP@DEIC7MlgeLk