

**Miramar College**  
**Biology 205 Microbiology**  
**Diversity Article Assignment**

For this assignment, you will write a 500–750 word article for a general audience (e.g., *Scientific American*, *National Geographic* or *The New York Times*). You will choose your topic from **one of the microbes** presented during the Diversity Unit of lecture.

- Virus and prion diseases were presented during the Chapter 13 Lecture.
- Organisms (both prokaryotic and eukaryotic) were presented during the Chapter 27 & Microbial Diversity Lecture.
- You can access the presentations given in class on the Class Website under Lecture Handouts.

Your article will include a summary of the information presented in the lecture. In addition, you will conduct outside research to enhance and add interest to your article. These outside sources must be properly cited at the end of your article.

Your article must adhere to college level writing and grammar standards and should be written using MLA formatting. There are [writing resources](#) on the college website, and there is a [tutoring center](#) on campus to help you to write a properly formatted, clear article.

Your article should include all of the pertinent facts from the lecture presentation, and can also include pictures or diagrams. Make sure that you define or explain terms that would be unfamiliar to a non-science audience. Grammatical errors and failure to adhere to stated guidelines will result in a loss of points.

The assignment due date can be found in the Course Syllabus. Please note that late assignments will receive a 10% penalty for each day they are late, even non-class dates. Papers submitted outside of class **MUST** be submitted as a PDF. No other file format will be accepted.

Purdue University has a very helpful [website](#), which will help you to format your article and properly cite your sources. Some of those guidelines are summarized below.

**General Guidelines**

- Papers must be typed, double spaced, standard 12 point font, with 1" margins.
- No title page is required. In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date.
- Double space and center the title. Do not underline, italicize, or place your title in quotation marks. Write the title in Title Case using standard capitalization.
- Indent the first line of each paragraph.
- Use italics throughout your article to indicate the titles of longer works and use italics for emphasis only when absolutely necessary.
- Do not include any quote that is longer than ten words, these should be paraphrased and cited.
- Use MLA formatting for the Works Cited section of your article.