

## SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE RUBRIC

A) Cover page	1 point
Cover page should include: Your name Date Period Title of Article	
B) Introduction	2 points
C) 5 Cornell Notes - Key Points	5 points
D) 5 Science Vocabulary Words • plus the definition	5 points
E) Conclusion (minimum = half page) Summarize the important information.	5 points
F) Why is it relevant to our current society or the world at large? Does it impact your life or family?	1 point
G) Works Cited	2 points
H) Article – Hardcopy or share on Google drive Share to this address: <a href="mailto:LeanneSloman@vistausd.org">LeanneSloman@vistausd.org</a>	2 points
I) Presentation • Following this rubric • MLA guidelines for formatting	2 points
Total =	25 points

## Finding Articles in EBSCO - Science Reference Center

1. From any Internet-based computer go to **EBSCO** at <http://search.ebscohost.com>
  - a. EBSCO is also a link from Destiny (library catalog)
  - b. EBSCO is also a link from the RBV website (library page)
  
2. **EBSCO** login
  - a. User ID = **rancho**
  - b. Password = **longhorns**
  
3. Click on **Science** (fourth database in list)
  
4. Click on **Sign In** (along black bar at top)
  - a. Click on **Create a New Account**
  - b. Fill in the form - your User Name is your **9 digit ID** and your Password is **zero plus your 5 digit site ID**
  - c. Click on **Save Changes**
  - d. You now have a place to save the articles you find and will need for your assignment.
  
5. **Browse by Category Search**
  - a. Click on the **Life Sciences** link
  - b. Click on the **Biology** link
  - c. Click on the **Cells** link
    - i. Notice that more than 2,000 articles are in your **Search Results**. How can you make this more user-friendly?
    - ii. Notice **Refine Results** on the left side of the screen. Try some of the limiters.
      1. **Publication Date** - slide the timeline *2009-2015*
      2. **Source Types** - try Magazines
      3. **Subject** - try something you recognize
  - d. Click on the **article title** or the **HTML Full Text** to read the articles
  - e. If you want to use the article notice the **Tools** on the right side
    - i. Add to folder - articles are saved for future use since you created an account in Step 4
    - ii. Print
    - iii. Email
  - f. Use the **Result List** link to go back to your list of articles

6. Start a **New Search** from the black bar across the top
  - a. You can also search **key words** in the Basic Search box.
  - b. For example type in *proteins* and click on the green **Search** box
  - c. Notice that there are over 10,000 results
  - d. Using the **Refine Results** steps from above can narrow this topic down to 115 results (example only, your results may vary)
  - e. View some articles from this list and use the **Tools** to save what you want
  
7. If you are still struggling with articles that are too difficult to understand, try adding the **Lexile Reading Level** limiter to your results.
  - a. Go back to your **Result List**
  - b. Under the Publication date slider click on **Show More**
  - c. Choose a **Lexile Reading Level** and Click on **Search**
  
8. **Citing your sources** is easy within an article. Notice under **Tools** the **Cite choice** - click on it.
  - a. Scroll through the pop-up box called **Citation Format** to find the style required by your teacher.
    - i. **APA** is usually required for Science
    - ii. **MLA** is usually required for English and Social Studies
  - b. Copy and paste the citation into your assignment. You may be required to provide your teacher either a **References** page (APA) or a **Works Cited** page (MLA).
  
9. Ask the library staff for help with any of these steps. The library is open daily from 7:00 am (8 on Mondays) until 5:30 pm (3:30 on Fridays).

