

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the blog assigned by your teacher.
2. While reading the blog, take notes and connect it to your prior learning. Note things that you agree or disagree with. There is a space, below, for this.
3. Next, document what you like and dislike about this blog into the space below. Be sure to pay attention to things like style and tone, along with the content and visual design. Be sure to *explain* what it is that you do or do not like about each element.
4. Answer the questions.

NOTES

LIKES

DISLIKES

1. What is the central idea of this blog?
2. Is there a question that the author is trying to answer? If so, what is it?
3. What conclusion was made by the author? Cite specific textual evidence to support this.
4. Did the author fully support his/her claim? Explain why you think this.
5. Find three words the author uses that are specific vocabulary for the topic of this blog. Define them below.
6. Write a sentence of your own creation that connects the three words from #5, above.



7. Is this blog a reliable source for scientific information? Why or why not?

8. Do you notice any bias in this writing? If so, what?

9. Compare and contrast the information in this blog to that on another website or with an experiment you have done in class. Be sure to cite the second source of information in your answer. If you noted something that you disagreed with while taking notes above, be sure to address that here (where did you get the information that makes you disagree?).

10. Describe three things that you learned while reading this blog entry (they do not have to relate to the central idea).

11. Construct a comment to post in response to this blog. Remember that a good comment makes connections, asks a question, or gives an opinion in a respectful manner. You might want to quote the part of the blog that you are specifically referring to. Don't be afraid to disagree with another writer, but be sure to explain yourself and remain polite.