Biology B – Digital Science Journal Assignment

In this ongoing assignment, you will create a digital journal using PowerPoint (or any other comparable app) covering the various topics we talk about in class this trimester.

Some topics you will have required information that you will need to display and discuss and others may be more open ended. In any case, by the end of the trimester, you should have a final presentation that you turn into me electronically.

As mentioned before, this will be an ongoing assignment. Nevertheless, I may require you to send me your progress at certain points during the trimester, so this assignment will receive several grades as we go along as well as a final grade at the end of the term. While we will be devoting some class time to these journals, please expect to spend some time outside of class on it as well. That being said, it is IMPERATIVE that you use the time you are given in class wisely, or computer time will be completely taken away.

Journal Options:

A variety of options exist as to how or where to keep your digital journal. PowerPoint is probably the easiest and most common option. You can add slides as needed for each assigned entry. If you don't have a computer at home, I would suggest creating a presentation on Google Docs. That way you can access it and edit it from any computer with Internet capabilities and not have to worry about a computer having the correct software.

If you choose, you can use any other app that you feel is appropriate such as Prezzi, a blog, or a website building application. The only criteria is that you need to be able to create different entries and that I need to be able to view it either through email, fusion, or by clicking on a link. Please be advised though, that you should use a program you are comfortable using and know how to use. You won't have the time to figure out how a whole new program works, so use what you are comfortable with.

Grading:

The grading will vary throughout the assignment. Some entries you submit may get individual grades, while others may be lumped in together. At the end of the term, you will get a final grade on your entire journal. I am not quite sure of the scope of the project, but expect it to be a considerable chuck of points. You will get different rubrics for the different journal assignments, but all in all, your entries should be concise, clear, creative, and thoughtful. I expect you to do the best you can on each assignment.

Timeline:

We will try to get to the computers every 2 weeks or so. It may be more. It may be less. You might have an hour or you might have 20 minutes. Using your time well is of utmost importance as we are quite limited on when we can get to the computers.

Digital Journal Log

Name

Keep this paper in a safe place in your binder. Keep track of all of the required journal assignments. **You will turn this paper in at the end of the term**, and I will use it to calculate your final grade.

Entry #	Date Assigned	Subject	Date completed or submitted	Grade/Points received
1.	3-15-12	Meiosis		
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