

**Senior Seminar: The Literature Review.
October, 2003.**

Your Writing Assignment.

An articulate, 3 page written literature review that concludes in a more up-to-date version of your hypothesis must now be composed. It is now a busy time for you, with respect to senior seminar. You must do a superb job with this composition, and I am grading “very hard” with respect to the quality of this 3-page document.

You will have 1 opportunity to revise this composition, and have an obligation to “review” the written work of another student. This review process will be part of the senior seminar experience. I will be assigning review partners in the near future, and will have a handout that provides guidelines for the review process.

In short, your draft should, in your opinion, be your final draft at the time of review. We want you to believe that you have done everything that you can do with this document at the time of review.

Points to note:

- 1) The final document will be posted on “turnitin.com,” which checks for plagiarism. Evidence of plagiarized work will be reported to the Academic Standards Committee, which is developing a “court” to evaluate the severity of the plagiarism. In most circumstances, plagiarism results in the receipt of no credit for the work.
- 2) The final document must include at least one book reference that you have found (not a textbook, usually, but consult me if necessary) and/or 2 or more journal articles of Scientific-American quality (or “more sophisticated.”) Sources such as the New York Times Science Times, and reputable science web sites should form the bulk of your references. At least 10 references are necessary.
- 3) Due Date for the final draft before revision is **November 3, 2003.**
- 4) 1” margins all around, double space, 12 point Times New Roman Font. References are in addition to the 3 pages of writing. The inclusion of 1 figure is acceptable but not required. This figure does not count as part of the 3 pages of writing, and the figure should be attached at the end of the document, but referenced within the document as “Figure 1.”

Outline of the Document:

- I. Introduce the problem in the first paragraph.
- II. Continue writing for 2.25 pages so that in the process of expanding on the problem, you also provide the reader with substantial background information.
- III. Conclude with why you want to do your project, with respect to the background information you have provided. State your hypothesis in context of your experimental objectives in the final paragraph.