

AP Biology 2022

♦ Summer Assignment

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Below are the components of your summer assignment. They must be completed and submitted BY THE DATE DUE. Each component has been carefully explained later in this document. Do not wait until the last minute.... please. These will be your first grades for the fall term.

To be sure you receive all needed communication, send me an email at the above address ASAP, stating your name (as you prefer to be called) and that you are enrolled in the class.

Assignment	Date Due	Point Value
Letter of Introduction (submit via email)	June 30, 2022	20
Essay (submit via email)	July 30, 2022	30
Summer Reading Assignment: <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> by Rebecca Skloot, ISBN	August 22, 2022	100

The Letter of Introduction

Purpose: (If I do not receive this letter by July 30th, I will assume you have changed your mind and I will remove you from my class list.) I would like to know some basic things about you prior to our first day on this adventure. Keep in mind that AP Biology has college level expectations, so your letter should reflect that level of skill and respect. Some of the things I'd like to know:

- Why are you taking AP Biology?
- How many AP exams have you taken and what were they?
- What other commitments do you have that you feel may impact your AP Biology work?
- What concerns you most about AP Biology?
- Realistically, what score do you expect on the AP exam?
- What are your career plans?
- What topics in Honors Biology did you enjoy most and why?

The Essay

Purpose: I need to see your writing skills. Show me your best **word usage, grammar, sentence structure, paragraph construction, research skills**, etc. I WILL grade this as college level work. Usually, the sciences use APA format, but in regard to essay writing (such as this) you may use MLA if that is more comfortable for you. Just remember, this is not a creative writing assignment, no conversational speech or creative license.

Instructions:

- Read the essay prompt below
- Research the topic thoroughly
- Write a 700–800-word informative essay.
- Submit it to me via email by the due date indicated previously.
- Use no fewer than five legitimate, research driven resources, properly cited.
- NOTE—EVERYTHING you state, **MUST** be supported with **REAL, SCIENTIFIC** evidence
- This is NOT an opinion paper; it is a factual, research driven, informational essay

Essay Topic:

Why copying anything academic is harmful to student success in AP Biology

Summer Reading

Obtain and read a copy of: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot ISBN 9781400052189

You will receive the full assignment in an upcoming email