



Science Plan – For All 6th Grade Scholars

➤ Directions:

- **Read a science related article from the newspaper, magazine or one of the following websites –**
 - Popular Science, NOVA, New York Times, Time for Kids, National Geographic, Earth and Sky Kids or Earth and Sky, NPR, Nature, Sciencenews.org, Sciencenews.org
- **Write a Claim/Evidence and Personal Response to the following questions:**
 - How can this apply to your daily life?
 - Explain whether you agree or disagree with the scientists' claim.
 - What background knowledge did you use to help you understand and/or infer the meaning of the article?
- **Use the attached rubric to edit your work.**
- **Skinner Scholar work must be typed with the article attached**
- **Due on the first day of school**

Submitting finished work-

1. **Submit to google classroom with class access code-** gy73is

1. log on to your DPS google account:
2. Username: 762484@dps12.net
3. Password:03042004

Difficulty logging on to Google Classroom? Search the web for tons of helpful tutorials or use the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgtDtid2yuQ>

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2. **Print a paper copy and bring it on the first day of school.**

Skinner Science Summer Homework Rubric

	(Not Yet Meeting)	(Approaching)	(Effective)
Identify Scientist’s Claim	Unable to identify the correct claim.	Unclear claim	Correctly identified scientists claim.
Supports Claim with Evidence	I do not include any evidence from the text.	I include some evidence from the text, but I need to include more, or some of my evidence does not connect to my claim.	My evidence from the text clearly works to prove my claim, and evidence is introduced in an academ
Personal Connection to Article	Did not complete personal connection requirement or only completed one of the three.	Completed two of the three personal connection requirements.	Explains how this applies to your daily life. I explain whether I agree or disagree with the scientists claim and why. Explain what background knowledge you used to help you understand the article.

Please Note:

1. Remember your response must be typed and printed or submitted to teachers via email before the first day of school.
2. Remember to cite your source– <http://www.easybib.com/>



Example Science Article Response

First and Last Name

Month

Science Article Response #1

The claim the scientists are making is that as the result of the BP oil spill and the chemicals used to clean up the spill, animals are suffering from deformities. The evidence that supports the claim is eyeless fish, fish lacking eye sockets, fish with lesions and abnormal growths have been found on the gulf coast. The fishermen also stated that shrimp are born with one eye and crabs are misshapen and smell as though they have dead a week.

The way that this applies to my daily life is that I eat seafood coming directly from this location. I have been very worried about the effects that the oil spill would have on the quality of seafood. I personally have been avoiding seafood from this region before reading this article and I am glad I did. Based on my background knowledge, I know that chemicals can be harmful if ingested and can also cause long-term defects in the food chain. I know that the world depends on oil and I am curious how this will affect the policies in place for ocean drilling. I agree that deformities in the Gulf seafood could be caused by the BP oil spill.

MLA Citation:

Nosowitz, Dan. "Deformities in Gulf Seafood Found After the BP Oil Spill." *Popular Science* 13 Apr. 2013