

Biology 641
Fall 2006

Guideline for paper discussions and summaries:

Papers will be posted on the class web site at least one week prior to each discussion period. For each paper you should write a ~2 page summary, and be prepared to actively discuss the paper in class. Each summary will be worth a total of 40 points (4% of your total grade for the class), broken down in the following manner:

-Summary of main hypotheses and results of the paper: 6 points

-At least 3 questions or comments that you had about the paper's design or conclusions (Note that these do not necessarily have to be criticisms, although if you are genuinely critical of aspects of the paper that is fine): 12 points

-At least 3 follow-up questions to the findings of this study (what are the next steps? What would be interesting to look at next?) : 12 points

-Active participation in class discussion: 10 points