

Homework Assignment #3, Writing Coherent Paragraphs

Read one of the articles featured on <http://physics.aps.org/>, and then read the source paper.

Next, write a four-paragraph summary of the research presented in the source paper. Each paragraph must begin with a topic sentence, and the last sentence of each paragraph must provide a logical transition to the next paragraph. Try using the full-sentence-outlining technique to get started on this assignment.

Be sure to provide appropriate referencing in your essay. If you paraphrase the ideas from one of the articles, you must provide a reference call-out¹ in your text and provide a bibliographic citation at the end.² If you reproduce words exactly, you must enclose them in quotation marks *and* provide the citation. Give the full bibliographic citation (authors, title, URL, and date accessed for the web article; *PRL* format for the paper). Feel free to consult other publications (and reference them!) to write your summary.

If you're not sure if a statement should be referenced, review the rules about plagiarism at <http://plagiarism.org/plagiarism-101/what-is-plagiarism>. (If you think you're sure, review the rules anyway. Instances of plagiarism, whether intentional or inadvertent, represent academic misconduct and will be dealt with very harshly.)

To repeat: If you write something that is not your original idea, even if you've put it in your own words, it *must* be referenced. If you've reproduced someone else's words exactly, those words must be enclosed in quotation marks.

Due: **Friday, February 21, 6:00 PM**. Email your assignment to both Professor Beck and Celia. Assignments submitted after the deadline will be downgraded and will be ineligible for rewrite points.

Total—50 points

¹ Put your references in *Physical Review Letters* format.

² Unless you are writing down your own original ideas or reporting your own original work, you *must* give credit to the person by providing a reference citation. Note that superscript reference call-outs go *outside* punctuation marks.