Assignment #8

News Story   500 words (approx. 1-2/3p. double-spaced)

Find a recent journal article on a topic in science, engineering, or medicine that interests you, and translate that article into a brief news story for a general readership. As per Assignment # 6, your article should be selected from the last 3 months of *Science* or *Nature* online.

- Note: Your topic should be one of the ones you emailed me and that we discussed in class. Do not change your article without running it by me.

Use the news stories we read and discussed in class as models, and use the list you made in class of the typical elements of this kind of science news story.

Aim to strike a judicious balance between making your story interesting and "hyping" results.

Before class:
READ the stories by your workshop partners. Come to class with 3 questions for each partner.

Bring to class:
  ➢ The 2 stories for full-class workshop
  ➢ Stories by your workshop partners
  ➢ Hard copy of the journal article your story is based on.

I will collect the copies of the story with your partners' comments (i.e., you don't need to bring a clean copy for me.) (You may want to bring a clean copy for yourself, for taking notes.)

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