

Assignments 2025

Assignments

- Groups (2-3 people)
- Use of multiple sources (main article and review articles)
- Presentation (oral and written)
- Oral presentation: 15 minutes (no extensions, timed!)
- Written summary (1-2 pages in English)
- Grading: 75% presentation 25% written summary

Guidelines

1. Read Chapter 18 from *Essential Developmental Biology* by J. Slack.
2. Read the review article *Hallmarks of Stemness in Mammalian Tissues*, along with a review on your chosen type of adult stem cell, and the main research article you'll be focusing on. Discuss your readings with your group. If you have any questions, feel free to email us.
3. Begin preparing your presentation, which should include the following parts:
 - A.** The title of the main research article, along with your team members' names.
 - B.** Introduction (2–3 slides):
 - a) Key background on the specific tissue-related stem cell discussed in the article
 - b) Context about the broader research area the article addresses
 - C.** Main body (4–6 slides):
 - a) Key findings and conclusions from the article
 - b) The broader significance of the study
 - c) The most important conclusion
 - D.** References

Presentation Guidelines - Instructions

Your presentation should last 15 minutes!

a) **You should create no more than 10 slides (+2 for title, bibliography) as quick transitions can be tiring.**

- DO NOT overload the slides!
- Do not add too much text – only brief phrases!
- Pay attention to font sizes, and images should be visible!
- Organize each slide according to the flow of the presentation.
- Don't forget the bibliography should be in a consistent style (e.g., MLA, or a journal's style).
- For images, cite the source of the publication.

b) **You must rehearse to ensure you stay within the time limit.**

- Do not forget that we do NOT read from text, we present!
- We do not read the slides – we present!
- Look at the audience – and point to the content when necessary!
- Speak loudly – DO NOT rush and... emphasize... properly!

Assignments - Evaluation of the Presentation

The following will be evaluated:

1. The content of your presentation (organization, coherence of thought, and structure of the logical sequence).
2. The language of the presentation (scientific accuracy, see the next slide) and the organization of the slides (alignment of images, text, uniformity, etc., and generally a well-presented presentation).
3. The oral presentation (i.e., how you presented the content of your slides).
4. Your answers to any questions that may be asked.
5. The written text (content, structure, organization, syntax, data presentation).

Grading: The grade for the presentation is determined 50% by the instructors and 50% by the evaluations of your peers.

✓ Avoid plagiarism (see below!)

Assignments - Evaluation of the written summary

The following will be evaluated:

1. The content of your presentation (organization, coherence of thought, and structure of the logical sequence).
 2. Syntax and Spelling (there are automatic spell checkers, but check for homophones, etc.).
 3. Language (scientific accuracy, consistent style – check at the end).
 4. the overall impression of your work.
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- ✓ Don't forget the bibliography should be in a consistent style (e.g., MLA, or a journal's style).
 - ✓ For images, cite the source of the publication.
 - ✓ Avoid plagiarism (see below).

Plagiarism

“To steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one’s own; use (another’s production) without crediting the source.”

The Merriam-webster dictionary

Angela Merkel announces the resignation of Minister Annette Schavan due to plagiarism in her doctoral thesis. The same happened to Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg."

German education minister quits over PhD plagiarism

Annette Schavan's resignation over plagiarism ahead of election is second case to hit Merkel's government in two years

The Guardian



German chancellor Angela Merkel announces she has accepted the resignation of education minister Annette Schavan (left) in Berlin. Photograph: John Macdougall/AFP/Getty Images

Plagiarism

WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

Deliberate Plagiarism

- Rewriting from books or articles
- copying & pasting from web pages and online sources to create a **patchwork** writing
- buying, downloading, or borrowing a paper



Accidental Plagiarism

- not knowing when & how to cite
- not knowing how to paraphrase or summarize
- not knowing what “common knowledge” is
- recycling an old paper

- "Plagiarism has serious consequences!"
- There are programs that detect plagiarism.
- Very detailed guidelines for avoiding plagiarism from Harvard University.
<https://usingsources.fas.harvard.edu/avoiding-plagiarism-0>
- In your assignments, avoid copying because they will be checked for plagiarism."

Assignments - Timeline

- By **4/5/2025**, you should send us the file of your presentation for corrections, potential discussions, etc.

Your presentation should be in PDF format (to avoid formatting issues when it is opened on another computer).

- Presentations will be held on 21/5/2025 from **14:00 to 18:00**.

You must submit your final presentation to us by 26/5/2025.

Also, bring it with you on a USB drive in case there are any issues.

- The deadline for the summary in English is **20/6/2025**. The basis for the summary will be your oral presentation.

- All files you send us should have the name of your group and the following format:

Team1_presentation.ppt

Team_text_gr.pdf