

Bio 45 -- Last Journal Assignment -- Before and After -- Fall 2002

Journals due before Noon on Wednesday, December 11.

**No journals will be accepted after noon! Hand it in at exam or
leave it in the box outside Room 101 Walter Hall**

Your journal is a great way for you to evaluate your progress in the course. It may even be better than exam grades in reflecting the efforts and advances you have made. The object of this journal exercise is for you to evaluate your progress in the course as reflected by your journal. Here is your chance to be your own honest critic.

ASSIGNMENT: BE ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING!!

1. Bringing your journal up to date and summarizing what you have done:
 - A. **Complete any missing parts of previous assignments** -- mark these VERY clearly. Remember, an incomplete journal means an NC.
 - B. **Use a piece of tape to mark the page at the end of each assignment** where your TA or I made our general comments.
 - C. **On the first page of journal assignment #6, record the minutes of observation and brainstorming for each of the 5 assignments and the total those times.**
This should agree with the times in your calendar.
2. Showing us your progress:
 - A. **Choose two observations that reflect your progress in the course** (a page at most for each). One should be from the early part of the course and the other from later in the course. Mark each section clearly - use a paper clip or tape tab.
 - B. Now **identify the one piece of thinking you are most proud of** and mark it clearly.
This piece can involve either an observation or a bit of brainstorming.
3. **Write a brief (about 250-450 words) self-evaluation.** You may use the examples above and others (make them easy to find). Re-read the course prospectus and journal basics handouts to remind yourself of the goals I laid out for you. Include answers to the following in your self-evaluation:
 1. Evaluate your progress in reaching the goals of the course and any personal goals you set.
 2. What has been the major change in your understanding of animal behavior?
 3. How have your observation and thinking skills changed?
 4. What aspect of your interaction with the course would you feel still needs improvement ?

COURSE GRADES, JOURNALS and EXAMS

You can find an overview of how I will determine your grades on the web site. I will post the final letter grades on the web site by SIS number (ordered by that number) as soon as they have been turned in to the Registrar.

I will keep your journals until after the grading is completed. Your graded exams and journals will be in boxes inside the front door of Walter Hall, probably by Thursday afternoon (December 18). They will also be there at the start of next semester.

It has been a treat watching you watch and think this semester!