

## Assignment #6

- 1) WRITE: “Pitch” 2 news story ideas, 1 ¶ for each.

To find story ideas, search the last 3 months of journals from the following websites:

- *Science*, which includes the journals *Science Signaling* and *Science Translational Medicine*.  
<http://www.sciencemag.org/journals>

Look for “reports”—i.e., articles with multiple authors that report on recent research and findings.

- *Nature* (just stick with *Nature*; don’t go to the many other journals listed)  
<http://www.nature.com/nature/index.html>

Look for “Articles” or “Letters”—that is, reports on original research with multiple authors. Note that *Nature* is published weekly, so that if you go to “Archives” you will find the last several weeks listed.

Select 2 articles that you find interesting and write 1 ¶ each explaining why you think it would make a good news story. We’ll share these in groups in class.

### NOTES:

- Please bring 2 copies of your pitches to class—1 for me, and one to share with a small group.
- Also bring a copy of each of your articles

- 2) READ in Hancock, *Ideas into Words*: ch. 5, “The Nitty-Gritty,” and ch. 6, “Refining Your Draft.” We’ll discuss as we did for the first chapters. Please read actively—make notes of the parts that seem especially pertinent to you.

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