

Scientific American Mind Assignment

Brains, Minds, and Consciousness | Spring 2008

Paper

You will write a research paper on the topic of the *Scientific American Mind* (SAM) article that has been assigned to you. The paper is due on the day of your presentation. It should be based primarily on the SAM article, but should be enriched with information you learn from three other sources. The list of suggested readings at the end of the article is a good place to find other sources of information, but do not feel limited to these. Your paper should be a 5-6 page stapled document composed of the following: (1) a title page that also includes your name, the course, and a brief abstract, (2) 3-4 pages of typewritten, double-spaced text, and (3) a page listing sources cited in the paper (use a style with which you are familiar, such as MLA or APA, for in-text citations and the list of references).

Presentation

You will present what you have learned about your topic, through the article and your research, in a 10 minute presentation to the class on the day specified in the schedule below. You should learn the material well enough so that you do not feel compelled to read your paper to the class. You may use the computer or Elmo to help you present the material if it helps convey the ideas more effectively.

Date	Presenter	Article
Wed., 3/12	Tom Abtey	An odd sense of timing
	Katie Barrett	Bored?
	Sean Bellinger	Do animals feel empathy?
	Josh Bolton	Sex and the secret nerve
Mon., 3/17	Frank Bowman	Aha! The eureka moment
	Matt Bucher	Secret powers everywhere
	Kelsey Burch	Gestures offer insight
	Margaret Casper	Searching for God in the brain
Wed., 4/9	Jennifer Chapman	Drowning Mr. M
	Chrystal Cira	The violent brain
	DeAnna Fortino	Alien friends
	Justine Fragetta	Feeding the psyche
Wed., 4/16	Stacy Gioia	Inside the mind of a savant
	Christina Hamill	Hearing voices
	Stacey Hughes	Detecting autism
	Jess Kiely	Sweet dreams are made of this
Mon., 4/21	Cassie Lingard-Hertig	Sex, math, and scientific achievement
	John McCartney	Touching illusions
	Sabrina Narad	The secret to raising smart kids
	Elizabeth Palma	Affair of the lips
Wed., 4/30	Brennan Payne	Unleashing creativity
	Ashlee Peck	
	Ryan Raflowski	Staying sober
Wed., 5/7	Stacy Rickes	Friend or foe?
	Dan Sheldon	Brian Wilson: A cork on the ocean
	Kyle Trotta	It's all done with mirrors
	Cristina Valle	Control your anger