A printed copy must be turned into Dr. Cooper by this time and an electronic copy must also be submitted to Turnitin.com by this deadline. *Late papers/submissions may not be accepted.*

Writing Assignment

Dr. Norman Pace, one of the leaders in helping to redefine the phylogenetics of living organisms, recently published a relatively novel, and somewhat controversial idea, that the term prokaryote was obsolete. This idea generated some printed comments. Three of these publications, all only one printed page, are available from through links on the course web under the date Friday, September 14th.

Your assignment is to download these documents, read them carefully, then in your own words, describe your position on Pace’s proposal in brief essay form. Grading of this assignment will be primarily based upon your ability to formulate and defend your position. Proper grammar and spelling will be taken into account as well as your ability to follow the guidelines noted below.

Submit your paper using the following guidelines:

- Use at least 150 words, but no more than 250 words
- Type your response on one side of a page
- Place your name on all pages that you submit
- Do not use a cover page or submit your response in a folder or other type of container
- Double space your sentences
- Use a legible font (e.g., Times New Roman), no larger than 12 point font and no smaller than 10 point font
- Use proper grammar and spelling
- If your response exceeds one typed page, use a single STAPLE to couple the pages. The staple should be in the upper left-hand corner of your submission
- Dr. Cooper’s Pet Peeve – semicolons: DON’T USE THEM unless you know what you are doing

For help, students are urged to use the services of the YSU Writing Center located in Room 3002, Coffelt Hall. Appointments may be made by either calling (330) 941-3055.

Also, students may wish to consult *A Short Guide to Writing about Biology, 6th ed.*, by J. A. Pechenik (2007).