



SCI 100 Module Eight Short Answer Guidelines and Rubric Being an Informed Citizen

Prompt: As members of society, we have an obligation to learn about the science behind issues that impact ourselves and others. This assignment will ask you to reflect on why it's important to be an informed global citizen.

For this assignment, first choose one of the two following TED Talk videos to watch:

- [Video 1: The Other Inconvenient Truth](#) (CC) (17:31)
- [Video 2: The Earth Is Full](#) (CC) (16:31)

Then, answer the following questions:

1. How can you personally benefit from being a more scientifically informed member of society? How can you use this scientific knowledge to benefit your local community?
2. Name the TED Talk you chose for this assignment. What's one point the speaker made that supports how you responded to the previous questions?
3. Why is the study of the natural sciences important to the larger global community?

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Submit your responses in a Microsoft Word document. The length of your responses to each question may vary. A good response will be about 1–2 paragraphs in total.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Personal and Community Benefit	Explains how being a more scientifically informed member of society can benefit themselves and their community	Explains how being a more scientifically informed member of society can benefit themselves and their community, but is lacking detail	Doesn't explain how being a more scientifically informed member of society can benefit themselves and their community	30
Support	Explains one point made by the speaker to support response	Explains at least one point made by the speaker, but is lacking detail or the point doesn't support the response	Doesn't explain one point made by the speaker to support response	30
Global Importance	Explains why the study of the natural sciences is important to the larger global community	Explains why the study of the natural sciences is important to the larger global community, but is lacking detail	Doesn't explain why the study of the natural sciences is important to the larger global community	30

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Communicates Clearly	Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short-answer response	Response needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts	Key ideas or thoughts are not understandable	10
Total				100%