

Writing Assignment – A Sperm Story

You are a sports reporter for the *Reproductive Times*. You are standing next to a newly-formed zygote and interviewing the sperm cell that was the first to fertilize the ova, thus winning the “Great Race”. You have heard about his life story and now must sit down and compose your newest article!



The Task:

You have to write a news article about the journey of one sperm cell to an ova. In your story, you must trace the path of the sperm cells from the male testes to the ova in the female’s fallopian tube. You may use journalist techniques such as interview excerpts, quotations, original diagrams and of course, humour!

Expectations:

- Your story must be typed and be 1 page in length, including a picture (see next line)
- You must include a hand-drawn (colored) picture illustrating a specific moment in the story

Key Words To Use:

testicle / testes	penis	vas deferens	sperm cell(s)
urethra	glands	vagina	cervix
uterus	fallopian tube	ovum / ova	fertilize(d)

Rubric – Sperm Story Writing Assignment

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA	Poor	Satis- factory	Good	Excellent
COMPLETION	The assignment is complete and contains all basic components, including title, name, story, and illustration.	0 1 2	3	4	5
MALE ANATOMY	The story correctly depicts the journey of sperm cells through the male reproductive system and incorporates all of the required scientific terms in a logical and accurate way.	0 1 3	5	10	15
FEMALE ANATOMY	The story correctly depicts the journey of sperm cells through the female reproductive system and incorporates all of the required scientific terms in a logical and accurate way.	0 1 3	5	10	15
PICTURE	The hand-drawn picture depicts a scene from the story. The image is an accurate representation of the cells and/or organs involved. It is drawn and colored neatly and accurately.	0 2 4	6	8	10
LITERACY	The composition has been proofread and contains no errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling and paragraph formatting.	0 1 2	3	4	5
FORMATTING	The layout, organization, font(s) and color scheme are aesthetically pleasing. All components reflect a consistent visual theme used throughout the assignment.	0 2 4	6	8	10

Total: ____ / 60 → ____ %