Prompt will be issued at the end of class and students will reflect 100 - 200 words each day after class. Due by Friday (5 PM) after class. Students will keep these documents in the Google Drive. These are very informal. May have a personal journal tone. The goal is for students to process, think and revisit the topics covered in class.

**Students: Make yourself a Google Doc in this folder, titled as your name that you will use to log your reflection journal entries. If you are not comfortable journaling in a shared doc, that’s fine. We can make alternative arrangements.**

Week 1 prompt:

What is the most confusing thing about the direction of this class? Was anything challenging this week? What are you most excited about?

Week 2 prompt:

How is this class going for you? Are you interested in the topic? Are you learning (or not learning)? Are you having fun? Does this class fit (scheduling, workload, content) well with your other classes? Are there too many pieces or moving parts? How do you feel about the organization (or lack of organization)?

Week 3 Prompt:

How’d your extractions go? How was the experience? What about the experience was frustrating, interesting, eye-opening? Did you make additions to the Protocol?

Week 4 Prompt:

Would you put a picture of yourself in your reflection. I am having a terrible time learning your names - I’m so sorry!!! I will work on this this week. Thanks for helping me out with this! That’s all this week!

Week 5 Prompt:

A lot of you said that you’d done gel electrophoresis before... but in class this week, I got the feeling you guys were experiencing something new there was a learning going on. Would you let me know here if/how this was a different experience from what you’ve done previously.

Also, will you all move your pictures to the top of your reflection document? Some of you already did this and I find it super helpful!

PS. In last class you might have overheard David and I discussing the “Dance your PhD” thing… Here’s the link if you need a little comic relief

<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/10/who-will-win-year-s-biggest-science-dance-battle-you-decide>

Hope the rest of your week is great!

Week 6 Prompt

This week just try to download EndNote onto your computer and focus on your Lit Review. I posted a powerpoint of how to do the download in the Koala Poo Lit Review folder. GEORGE, On slide #5, could you make a note of which option to choose, I know you were able to successfully download. Thank you in advance George!!! If one of you beats George to this update thank you!!!

Once you get it downloaded, and if you have a MAC: Gregory put together a great document about getting everything set up so it’s easy to “Cite while you write”

Thank you Gregory!!!

If this doesn’t go well, don’t worry too much about it! Feel free to send me an email if you get stuck.

If you have the **OS X 11.12 (Sierra)**, hang tight on the install, I am working with our IT guys to help you. The current installation package and guide won’t work for you. Thanks for being patient.

Week 7 Prompt

How was the experience of discovering the identity of your bacteria? Are you excited about your bugs? Was it disappointing if you didn’t get a good sequencing result? How was the computer work for you (like it, not like it, find it interesting or boring and why)?

Week 8 Prompt

Generally how are you feeling this week? We are nearly to the end of your first quarter at UC Davis. How is this class fitting in with your other classes at this point and what is your overall experience in this class so far? How was the experience of tree building for you? How is the lit review process going?

Week 9 make-up / follow up from last class in which we didn’t get to discuss the meta of the lit review process.

After talking with your neighbor in class, reflect back on your Koala Poo Lit Review. Think about what worked in this writing process, what was challenging (hardest part & most helpful part), how you overcame a challenge, what we should know for future iterations for this assignment. How has this assignment compared with other of your college writing assignments?

Week 10 Prompt

Final Reflection:

You have spent the last 10 weeks participating in a hands-on course that

explored the scientific problem. In addition to the learning experience, your

research and findings will help a lab on campus advance their research.

1) Please share with us your overall impressions of the course.

2) What did you enjoy the most?

3) How could this course be improved?

4) Would you recommend this course to future students? Please explain your answer.

5) Has this course affected in any way your impression of how scientific research is conducted?