Science Writing Resource Guide

First, check out our Scientifica Guide to Science and Storytelling and check out our editing checklist.

Excellent examples of science communication:

Watch Mark Rober test if Sharks can smell blood https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugRc5jx80yg

Watch this excellent three minute thesis about mosquitos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dh0pJdgY6Lc&t=8s

Watch Bill Nye's scorching climate rant: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQnDGDXHNWU

Read the most read science news articles of 2021: https://www.sciencenews.org/article/science-news-most-read-stories-2021

Read this interesting article about a newly discovered organ in the human throat. https://www.livescience.com/new-salivary-gland.html

Watch this TED-ed explanation of Depression https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-IR48Mb3W0

Watch ASAPScience ask what if you stopped sleeping: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNhDkKAvxFk

Science Communication how-tos

Read some tips for science journalism:

https://www.aaas.org/programs/center-public-engagement-science-and-technology/tips-science-journalists

Read how Hollywood teaches researchers about communication:

https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01731-9

Watch this ad for Neil deGrass Tyson's Masterclass: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io6QdGcoWMU

Read this article on how we can learn from the greatest scientific writings:

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/from-surmise-to-sunrise/

Read several articles on science writing, particularly for the news: https://www.theguardian.com/science/series/secrets-science-writing

Read this article on the future of science storytelling:

https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-future-of-science-storytelling/#:~:text=Science%20is%20about%20storytelling%2C%20expectations,nook%20of%20its%20helical%20coils

Read this research paper on science storytelling: https://www.pnas.org/content/111/Supplement 4/13614

Watch this TED talk on science storytelling (side note: he has an Irish accent) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXJJvvjSB9c

Watch Niel deGrass Tyson explain the problem with science journalism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vi-ks_xFbGY

Watch a Ted-ed video on scientific studies https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=GUpd2HJHUt8

Watch how people lie with statistics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVG2OQp6jEQ

Read this article on how to make better graphs https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-create-beautiful-and-insightful-charts-e14a41c2cae0

Watch how statistics can actually be cool: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVimVzgtD6w

Writing Resources:

Watch a TED talk on the science of storytelling: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj-hdQMa3uA

Watch a squirrel explain active vs passive voice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHPQpgkNJb0

Watch this TED-ed talk on writing descriptively:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSoRzTtwgP4&list=PLJicmE8fK0EgaT9PaLkW977tUpmUXtnAa&index=2

Read this article on writing articles quickly:

https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-to-write-a-good-article-quickly#7-tips-for-writing-a-goo d-article-quickly