

SCIE258 HW4: Research paper

Overview of the four parts of the assignment

The ultimate objective of this four-part assignment is research paper of 2500-4000 words. The central theme of the paper will be a document or artifact held in London's Royal Society or some other London museum or archive. Each student will choose their own artifact to work on. The paper will explain the contents of the artifact, putting it in historical context and describing its scientific, technological, and cultural ramifications. The paper will be based on viewing and analyzing the original artifact in London and on further research conducted later in the semester.

The assignment is divided into four parts, each of which contributes to the overall grade. Separate documents describe each part in detail. An overview of each part is as follows:

- **HW4a: Description of potential artifacts** (5%, due August 26—before arrival in London). Consult online catalogs of the Royal Society collection and other collections, and produce an annotated list of artifacts you would like to work on, ranked in order of preference.
- **HW4b: Annotation of artifact and paper outline** (10%, due October 12—third week of UEA semester). Write up the notes made while viewing the artifact in London, conduct additional research as necessary, and produce an outline of the proposed paper.
- **HW4c: Polished draft of the research paper** (15%, due November 16—eighth week of UEA semester).
- **HW4d: Final version of the research paper** (20%, due December 7—a week before UEA semester ends).