BIO346 Molecular Neuroscience

Writing Tutor Guide to Organizing a News & Views Paper
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___ Catchy Title
  - Catches Interest
  - Gives idea of what article will be about

___ Summary Sentences
  - Introduces topic
  - Gives preview of findings

___ Background info on topic in 1st paragraph
  - Gives relevant background info

___ Gives information on what the state of affairs was before new findings (first 1-2 paragraphs)
  - What was known before the finding?
  - Why was answering the question important?

___ Effectively conveys & synthesizes information from primary articles (next 2-3 paragraphs)
  - What were the hypotheses?
  - How did they test them?
  - What were the main, pertinent findings?

___ Address strengths and weaknesses of the articles addressed (final 1-2 paragraphs)
  - Did they come to the correct conclusion?
  - What else should they have done?

___ Suggests routes for future study?