



"Chemical" is NOT a Bad Word Introductory Writing Assignment



Biology has the Human Genome Project, amazing creatures, and Charles Darwin. Physics has planes, lasers, and the Large Hadron Collider. Chemistry has explosions, useful elements, and Walter White. As a high school student, you quickly learn which of these three classes is the most exciting. Yet, chemistry and chemicals get a bad rap as there exists a form of "*chemophobia*" in the real world. Pollution, harmful drugs, weapons of warfare, and food additives are the first thoughts that come to mind when the general public thinks of chemistry. Consumers are constantly searching for foods and products that contain no chemicals. As you will learn, everything is made of chemicals, despite labels that state that certain products are "chemical-free."

Do you think the "*chemophobia*" that exists is justified? Discuss your thoughts in at least TWO well-organized paragraphs. Be sure to incorporate facts, examples, and personal experience in your response. The article located at the following address is a good place to start: <http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/2013/03/08/chemical-is-not-a-bad-word/>

Save the file using the format: *LastName_Block#_WA1*. Submit the assignment via Google Docs by sharing the document with little-science@gmail.com.