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| Title | **Publication Cycles Discussion Forum** |
| **Due Date** | **Due Tuesday** |
| Where to Post | Click on "New Post" button above and type your response in the space provided below.  Click Save. |
| Subject | Week 2 – Publication Cycles |
| Points | 5 |
| Criteria | * On time, posted in correct place with correct subject line. Correct grammar, spelling, and usage * Thoughtfully responds to two other postings * Thoughtful reflection on the significance of publication cycles in understanding the research process |
| Objective | Study the process of information creation and dissemination. |

The purpose of this assignment is to get you thinking about where information comes from, how it is initially generated and how it changes form as it is communicated over time. Why does information format matter? What happens in publishing to an idea as time goes on?

#### **Step One:**

For this assignment, your will need to complete the following: Go through [Publication Cycles](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/hsse/tutorials/education/2-The%20Publication%20Cycle%20and%20Scientific%20Research/The%20Publication%20Cycle%20and%20Scientific%20Research.htm).

#### **Step Two:**

Write an essay of 200 words about what the publication cycle might mean to your research question/statement. What does it tell you about the differences in the types of sources you might use? How might it affect where you go to find certain kinds of information about your topic?

#### **Step Three:**

Post your essay to the Discussion Forum.

#### **Step Four:**

Respond to the essays of two other students by Wednesday, at least 50 words for each.