

First post: This is worth 9 points and is **due by midnight on Jun 18** (Friday).

Here are the items you need to read in order to post:

<https://www.news-medical.net/health/Allergies-and-the-Hygiene-Hypothesis.aspx>

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/newborns_exposed_to_dirt_dander_and_germs_may_have_lower_allergy_and_asthma_risk

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2010/04/09/204879/fighting-allergies-by-mimicking-parasitic-worms/>

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25398162/>

https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/probiotics-side-effects#TOC_TITLE_HDR_7

Here are the discussion questions you need to address in your first post:

1. Look over the articles and describe one fact or number that surprised, interested, pleased and/or made you upset and explain why this item made you feel this way.
2. Do you believe in the “hygiene hypothesis”? Why or why not? Can you think of any people you know personally whose allergies or lack of allergies support or fail to support this hypothesis based on their lifestyles?
3. Suppose for the sake of argument the hygiene hypothesis is correct. Describe a change in policy in schools or medical care facilities that can decrease the prevalence of childhood allergies. Describe one way the hygiene hypothesis can be misused and cause more harm than good.

Second Post: This post is worth 3 points and is **due on by midnight on Jun 20** (Sunday).

Respond to a classmate using the suggested format for responding (Pick only one of these):

1) I like how because.....

or

2) I agree/disagree with.....because....

or

3) This relates to.....because.....