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## Article of the Week for the Week of November 27, 2017 Due Friday, December 1, 2017

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- 1. Read the article and **diffuse** the text. Underline unfamiliar words, use context clues to help find the meaning, and write two possible synonyms for at least two challenging words. (2 pts)
- 2. Skim the article. Circle at least 3 transitions used by the author to link ideas and paragraphs. (3 pts)
- 3. Skim again. Look for **text features** that help your understanding. Put a box around two and write how they help your understanding of the article. (2 pts)
- 4. Read the article again. Write 3+ thoughtful comments (connect, question, paraphrase) in the margins. (3 pts)
- 5. Read the writing prompt at the end of the article. Read and underline or highlight information you will use to help you answer the prompt. (10 pts)

**Writing Prompt:** In the space below, write an expository paragraph explaining how your brain is like a muscle. Attach additional paper if needed.

Your paragraph must:

- Be at least 5 sentences long
- Start with a clear **topic sentence** that answers the prompt
- Use information from the article *and* personal experience for your **supporting details**
- Explain the connection between your supporting details and the prompt using **commentary**
