

Astronomy 100 Section 1

Extra Credit Assignment



Due in class **Friday, November 14**

Instructions: You must attend the Icko Iben, Jr. Distinguished Lecture on Wednesday, November 5th, which begins at 4:00 pm at the Foellinger Auditorium (see the following webpage: <http://www.astro.uiuc.edu/features/0310iben.shtml>). The speaker this year is Dr. David Morrison of the NASA Astrobiology Institute; the title of his lecture is “Cosmic Collisions: How Astronomers are Saving the World.” This **optional** extra-credit assignment is worth **twelve points** (nearly 50% of a homework assignment) toward your final grade points (total points 1000), but you **must** attend the lecture, answer **both** questions, and obtain my signature before the lecture to receive full credit. After the lecture, answer the following questions.

1. What were Dr. Morrison's major points? He may or may not summarize these in a slide at the end of his talk; you might want to take a few notes just in case. Your answer must be at least 25 words long.

2. What new or surprising thing did you learn? Your answer must be at least 50 words long. If you didn't learn anything new, describe something interesting from Dr. Morrison's talk that you already knew.