

Astronomy 230 Fall 2006

Homework 9

Due in Class: Friday, Nov. 9

Note: This homework should be typed.

- Read (or re-read as the case may be) the famous short story by Isaac Asimov, *The Last Question*. As he said, “This is by far my favorite story of all those I have written.”
- You can find versions at
 - <http://web.mit.edu/jona/www/lq1.html>
 - <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~mlindsey/asimov/question.htm>
 - <http://erind.net/?q=node/187>
 - http://www.multivax.com/last_question.html
- Write a 1-2 page (typed) critique of the story with **relevance** to this class (space travel, civilization lifetime, energy, etc.). I’m interested in how reading this story with your class facts affects your view of the story. What is missing from the short story?