

Astronomy 230 Fall 2006

Presentation Synopsis

Due in Class: Thursday, Sept. 7

Note: This homework should be typed.

The main point of this assignment is to prepare the student for their class presentation. **Write 2-3 paragraphs** describing the main points of your presentation. This may help me guide your research, or modify your topic or scope, if necessary.

Write 1-2 paragraphs: briefly addressing how you will address the 5 grading questions:

1. How relevant is the general topic to the search for extraterrestrial life?
2. How interesting is the topic for the general class audience?
3. Rate the extent of the speaker's knowledge on the topic?
4. Rate the quality of the overall presentation?
5. Does the research have a solid scientific basis?

Finally, list five of your proposed research references. The references may be webpages, books, etc. This will allow me to help you avoid some of the more questionable sources and will help you begin the process of researching the topic.