Introduction to Astronomy, Astronomy 102
Astronomy Writing Project

Find an article in a newspaper, magazine or on the WWW, published in the last several years, dealing with an astronomical topic covered in our course and/or text. Sources include local newspapers, magazines like *Time, Newsweek, Discover, Science News, Astronomy Magazine, Scientific American,* and *Sky and Telescope* and a variety of other video and internet resources. Articles dealing with recent discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope are numerous and good. These are all available at Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato or try the Web or your local school or public libraries. Once you have selected an article read it carefully. Summarize the article in your own words. (The article should be substantially longer than the summary.) Discuss how the article relates to what we have learned in this course. Does the article present information or theories that agree or disagree with the textbook or with class material? Your essay should be about 300 words and it should be neatly word-processed. Spelling and grammar should be perfect. Attach a copy (not the original) of the article to your essay. Your grade, from 0-10 points, will be based on how well you have followed directions and how well you have related what you have learned in this course to the subject matter of the article. The absolute deadline for the essay is the penultimate (second to last) day of regular class meetings.