

## SCIENCE AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Astronomy began as the study of the positions of celestial objects ... the sun, moon, stars, planets, comets, and other phenomena. Over the centuries, western astronomy has expanded to encompass the study of the nature, origin, and evolution of everything in the universe, from elements in Earth's core to the most distant galaxy, and the universe itself.

As we begin our exploration of astronomy, it will be helpful to me to know a little bit about where you're coming from ... what ideas, assumptions, and experiences you bring to the course. This information is strictly to help me "meet you where you are" and help you get the most out of the course.

### ASSIGNMENT

Write a couple pages about yourself. Where is your home? What is your class year? Why did you chose SLU and what's your dream career. Also describe why you're taking this course and what interests you about astronomy. What would you like to learn? What do you expect astronomy to be about? What makes you anxious about this class? Describe your experience with science (eg. in school, space camp, Discovery Channel, etc.) and your attitude toward science (have you been dreading taking science since your first year?). What do you think science is and how is it different from other fields of study? What is it about natural science that SLU requires you to take a semester of if? What do you expect of this semester of natural science?

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