

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

Short Paper #3: **A Letter to Thomas A. Easton**

For your third writing assignment, you will be writing a “letter” to the book Editor, Thomas A. Easton, making suggestions to improve his text.

Chances are, you found at least one pairing of “Yes” and “No” articles which were not well-matched. Perhaps they are of disparate quality, or both appear to support one side of an issue, or one/both is significantly out of date in present context. Your discussion should be friendly, supportive, and based on science rather than ideology or personal preferences.

Your “letter” should focus on only one article or pairing of articles.

In your paper, you will want to do the following:

- Identify an article / pair of articles which you feel are problematic or poorly-matched.
- Express clearly the reasoning for your concerns, in a factual, scientific and logical manner.
- Propose suggestions for how new a new article / pair of articles might be chosen to provide a more-balanced perspective on an issue.
- Include at least *one* reference to a new “replacement” article, as example. This should be found in a reputable online source, or print magazine / journal / newspaper.

Please format this paper assignment as you would a letter, beginning with “Dear Professor Easton,”. This should be two pages, using ~1.5 spacing, ~12 point type, and a serif typeface such as Garamond or Times. For this particular paper it will be necessary to include at least one reference sources.