SAS Honors Seminar 256: Extraterrestrial Life

11/8/2011
Reading for Thursday (11/10)

Bennett & Shostak 12.1 – review of Drake Equation

6 short/non-technical articles
Diamond (1987) – humanity's worst mistake
Diamond (1997) – why European “civilization” has dominated recent human history
Gladwell (2005) – why societies collapse
Ravilious (2005) – how modern civilization might end
Due Tuesday (11/15)

Response paper #8:
Every year, Nobel Prizes are awarded to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the areas of physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, peace, and economics. Are there particular high-profile discoveries related to astrobiology that—*if* they were made in the future— you feel would (or would not) be appropriately recognized by Nobel Prizes?