

# Infusion Tips

The late Dick Brinckerhoff suggested the following criteria for ways to infuse societal topics into our science courses: items should be a) challenging, b) relevant, c) brief, and d) require a value judgment. Consider the following:

National Public Radio reported on "Morning Edition" on 22 January 2007 that bad weather has ruined the hay crop of many cattle ranchers. As an alternative for hay, corn is also in short supply, because of its market as a feedstock for making ethanol fuel. Future intent to make ethanol from grass also promises direct competition between food and fuel in the hay market. How should this be resolved?