

# PHY 375

## Writing Assignment 1

*(Due in D2L Dropbox by 5 PM, Thursday, 4/5)*

Suppose you are a (well-informed and competent science) reporter who was present at the Shapley-Curtis debate in 1920 on the “Scale of the Universe.” Write a short paper describing the main points discussed in the debate and the claims made by each side.

The paper should be a minimum of 2 pages (double spaced, in 12 pt Times New Roman font, or equivalent, and 1 in margins on all sides).

An extensive amount of material on the 1920 Shapley-Curtis debate is available at the website:  
[http://apod.nasa.gov/diamond\\_jubilee/debate20.html](http://apod.nasa.gov/diamond_jubilee/debate20.html)

Be sure to cite the sources from which you obtained material in a bibliography at the end of your paper (this *should not* be part of the minimum 2-page count). It is important to remember that you should not cut and paste material from the internet; everything should be in your own words.

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