

Assignment #13

Major Writing Assignment #3: Profile or Archive article

- 3-1/2 - 4p. double-spaced (950-1250 words)

Option A: Write about some aspect of science or technology by writing a profile of someone in the field—most likely a post-doc who's running a lab, or a professor or doctor of your acquaintance. Other possibilities might be a science librarian or science writer/editor (Tech Review, MIT News, etc.). You will conduct an in-person interview. Your interview will not appear in Q & A form but, rather, be integrated into a story that has a clearly defined focus.

Option B: Into the archives: Investigate the origins of a line of work—artificial intelligence, solar-derived energy, nuclear engineering, etc.—in the MIT archives. You may or may not choose to foreground the contribution of one individual in this article.

Whichever option you choose, think of your assignment as similar to a feature article in a newspaper such as the *New York Times*, or in a news magazine.

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