

Outreach Activity 2: CCAS Meetings

This assignment is worth a maximum of 5.0 points. *This assignment can be done during any scheduled Central Coast Astronomical Society meeting during this semester, and is due by the end of the next lab after a meeting.* Work submitted after this due date is considered late with a 50% penalty. No work will be accepted more than one week late.

The Central Coast Astronomical Society hosts monthly meetings open to the public; download their calendar, and driving and parking instructions from:

<http://ccastronomy.org/meetings.htm>

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1. [5.0 points.] You will be reporting on the proceedings at a CCAS meeting, whether there is a main guest speaker, a multimedia presentation, or a variety of topics. Your report should be at least one page in length, whether hand-written (single-spaced), or typed (double-spaced), but may be longer if necessary. The objective is to write a report that indicates that you were present at a CCAS meeting, and that you were actively engaged.
 - (a) Identify the main speaker, his/her area of expertise, and the topic of his/her presentation. (Report on comparable information if a multimedia presentation, or a variety of topics is the focus of the meeting.) The topic summary should not just be the rephrasing of the title.
 - (b) Discuss the most interesting aspect of the talk, and explain why this was personally interesting for you.
 - (c) Discuss the most confusing part of the talk, and explain why this was personally confusing for you.
 - (d) Record one question that you were able to ask the speaker, and summarize the answer/explanation given by the speaker. (If you weren't able to ask this question to the speaker and/or get an answer, write your question down, and explain why you wanted to ask this question.)

* Adapted from "Improving Student Engagement at Public Lectures: Assigning a Writing Task," Tim Slater and Gina Brissenden, <http://astronomy101.jpl.nasa.gov/tips/index.cfm?teachingID=27>