

**Written Assignment 1**

Either (a) Imagine that you are a scholar, steeped in the late medieval version of the Aristotelian tradition, in a European university around 1500 A.D. Your city asks you to set up a small science museum for schoolchildren. Describe some of the experiments you would include and why.

or (b) Explain briefly in which respects Copernicus's astronomy is simpler than Ptolemy's, and in which respects it is more complicated.

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Please submit as a **double-spaced Word document** (‘.docx’ or ‘.doc’)

on Compass by class time (2p) on Thursday, September 13.

Your submission should generally be 650-1000 words (about 2-3 pages, but go by word count).

Please see ‘Guidelines for Written Assignments’ (website) and ‘Rubric for homeworks’ (Compass) before completing your assignment. Also feel free to discuss your response with the TAs (in person or via email) and/ or to come to discussion session (Thursdays, 4-5p).