

Class Projects:

Each discussion section will complete a class project worth 30 points. These will be presented in the lecture time to the full class on April 5 or April 7. Each group should prepare a 10 minute presentation expanding on some topic from Chapter 7 in the textbook. You will need to notify your TA of the topic you've chosen by March 10th. Those groups that select a particular topic first will have priority, and we will let the remaining groups know which topics are taken.

Everyone will need to help collect information, but the class can decide who presents (one or more people). Chapter 7 covers scientific and technological developments that led to the possibility for our civilization to engage in interstellar communication, the various threats that might end a civilization, and possible future expansion of ours within the solar system. There are many possible areas to choose. The idea is to go into more depth than the textbook about a particular topic and share that information with the class. How your class organizes this project will be decided by the section members, with approval of your TA.