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Homework #4: Due in class Tuesday April 18th

Question: How might we find evidence for life beyond Earth – either on other planets in the Solar System or on more distant worlds around other stars?

Instructions: I am looking for a brief (2 pages, typewritten) non-technical article or essay similar to what one might find in the Science section of a major newspaper. I am setting this question now to coincide with Geoff Marcy's Gamow lecture on exactly this topic (Thursday 6th April, at 7:30pm, Macky auditorium), and I encourage you to attend if possible – it should be thought provoking! However, you can also get started by reading Chapter 24 of the textbook, or by looking on the web. Please cite any web sites or other references you use. Attach this sheet as a cover page to your essay.

Grading: Clear, well-reasoned essays will all score 100%. You should use normal care in writing – please make use of the spell checker – but I won't deduct points for stylistic or grammatical mistakes as long as the essay is readable.