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## HMWK WEEK 1

In this assignment, you will start using what you have learned about critical thought by examining these questions in terms of the current heated debate between proponents of intelligent design and evolution. Type this stuff out. Final should be a minimum of two pages.

Answer the following questions before you read:

- Begin by detailing your own beliefs about evolution and intelligent design prior to reading.
- What influenced those beliefs?
- What would it take for you to change your beliefs?
- Any questions you may have about the theories?

Next read the article you feel you would agree with most:

**In favor of evolution:** Shipman, Pat. "Being Stalked by Intelligent Design." *American Scientist* 93, Issue 6 (2005): 500-502.

**In favor of intelligent design:** Hereen, Fred. "The Lynching of Bill Dembski." *American Spectator* 33, Issue 9 (2000): 44-50.

As you read the article you would most agree with and write your reactions and questions. Next read the article you would most disagree with and write your reactions and questions.

Answer the following questions:

- Can you identify which theory of life's origins is "true"? By what basis do you make your decision?
- Should one theory or the other, or both, be taught in school? If so, should they both be examined in science class? If both, should one be taught as "true" and the other as a "theory"?
- Each of these articles has a detectable bias. Does that mean they are not written objectively? Are there facts that are left out? If so, what are they?

