

## **Common Writing Assignment: Science**

Science and Technology/Engineering

## Is the Earth flat or round?

Only several hundred years ago, there was a great debate about whether the shape of the Earth was flat or round. Using multiple pieces of evidence that you have gathered in your studies of Planetary Science, create the strongest possible argument to support your claim about the shape of the Earth.



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## Don't Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear <u>claim</u> that answers the question.
- ✓ Include <u>evidence</u> -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include <u>reasoning</u> to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Check for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.