

**ASEM 2420
THE CULTURED APE
Spring 2016**

Assignment #1: Wilson, The Enlightenment Quest

This assignment pertains to E.O. Wilson's article "Resuming the Enlightenment Quest" (*Wilson Quarterly*, Winter 1998), that's available on the course portfolio page: <http://portfolio.du.edu/culturedape/page/58461>

Please read this article and write a short critical review that addresses the following questions:

1. What is Wilson's primary argument? How is it supported?
2. How does Wilson's argument reinforce and/or conflict with what you have already learned about the human condition (e.g., from courses in your major)?
3. On the whole, what do you think of Wilson's argument? How important is it to the scientific task of understanding human behavior?

Expected Length: No less than 3 pages. You can go up to 4 pages.

Style Rules: Your critical essay should be typed and double-spaced using Times New Roman, 12 point font. Page margins: 1 inch. Please number your manuscript pages!

Due Date: This assignment is due in class on **Monday, March 28.**