

Practice exercise for research papers, in teams of 4

Your names:

Writing introductory paragraphs is very difficult. The temptation to substitute flowery prose for a simple statement is often impossible to withstand. Today, you will attempt to write the **WORST** possible introductory paragraph for a research paper on the topic 'What lies outside the Universe'. In this paragraph you should do some of the following:

- 1) mangle a metaphor
- 2) say the topic is interesting when your prose is obviously contradicting that statement.
- 3) Use big words which you aren't quite clear on where simple ones would do
- 4) Quote two sources in a way which makes it impossible to say who said what.
- 5) Use flowery phrases
- 6) Be redundant
- 7) Exaggerate!

Your paragraph should start:

Even since the dawn of Mankind, Man has wondered ...' and go downhill from there.