Microtheme

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**History of Science 3333: Twentieth Century Science and Technology**

**Microtheme Assignment I**

You are writing a letter to the high school teacher of your son or daughter. You know that the period covered in your child's course includes what is commonly referred to as the Middle Ages and you want to be sure that your son or daughter is not taught the "flat earth error" that seems to be implied in the textbook. In your letter, describe the "error" as presented in Russell's *Inventing the Flat Earth*, and explain why it is important that a more accurate story be presented to the class.

All microtheme assignments for HSCI 3333H are to be no more than 350 words (about one page approximately, double spaced). The first assignment will be due on Tuesday, September 21, at the beginning of the class period. Each microtheme should reflect your reading and understanding of a specific assignment. It will be most effective if you step into the shoes of the projected speaker, identifying with his or her background and point of view (in perhaps subtle ways) and taking into account a particular audience or recipient for the essay. In this case, you will want to create a letter format and give a few clues about the recipient as well as your own parental persona. The response should also reflect your careful reading of the assignment and any pertinent class discussion.