

Discussion Questions for Elshtain and Karpati readings

Elshtain, Jean Bethke. "Why Worry About the Animals?" In *Science and Technology Today: Readings for Writers*. New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 1995. ISBN: 0312096925.

Karpati, Ron. "A Scientist: 'I Am the Enemy.'" In *Science and Technology Today: Readings for Writers*. New York, NY: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 1995. ISBN: 0312096925. (Originally published in *Newsweek*, 18 December 1989.)

- What is the author's purpose? What is the central question they wish to answer?
- Why should we care, in the author's view? Is the author revising the conventional wisdom/status quo, adding to an ongoing debate, evaluating a new source of data?
- What arguments of the author are effective? ineffective? Why?
- Critique the author's work: Is the question worth asking? Are you persuaded by their answer? What questions remain for you? What would be a good extension or elaboration of this work?