

English 2950
Orwell Assignment

1. On one hand, this article is an attempt to *define* science; on another, it is an *argument* for a particular way of understanding science and the consequences of not doing so. Identify the parts of this article that are *definition* and the parts that are *argument*. Do these two essential writing purposes overlap in this article? Do they do so effectively?
2. How does Orwell use Hitler and the events of World War II? What does this writing strategy accomplish for him?
3. For Orwell, what is science and what is its purpose?
4. What does Orwell want out of his readers? Out of you?
5. Orwell agrees both that nonscientists should be better educated in science, and that scientists should be better educated in liberal arts. Which is more important to Orwell? Do you agree? Why or why not? Explain your agreement or disagreement in terms of your own time and concerns.