'Interpretant' (pub. 21.05.15-19:31). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-classification-sciences-2.

Term: Interpretant

Quote: A Representamen can be considered from three formal points of view, namely,

first, as the substance of the representation, or the *Vehicle* of the *Meaning*, which is common to the three representamens of the triad, second, as the quasi-agent in the representation, conformity to which makes its *Truth*, that is, as the *Natural Object*, and third, as the quasi-patient in the representation, or that which modification in the representation makes its *Intelligence*, and this may be called the *Interpretant*. Thus, in looking at a map, the map itself is the *Vehicle*, the country represented is the *Natural Object*, and the idea excited in

the mind is the *Interpretant*.

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1896 [c.]). *On the Classification of the Sciences*. MS [R] 1345.

References: MS [R] 1345 **Date of** 1896 [c.]

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