



Mid-Term Paper Instructions

Due date: March 27th, due in class

Assignment

The mid-term paper (4–6 pages) investigates a specific philosophical question through a detailed examination of course material. You will choose a narrow focus on a topic that interests you and conduct a detailed examination of how it is treated in two of our course texts. As part of your analysis, you will reflect on each text's ways of knowing/evaluating, their purpose, their intended audience, and their method of delivery. This assignment gives you a chance to grapple more deeply with a topic that matters to you, while considering how different rhetorical choices affect delivery of content in different texts.

Learning Objectives

The objective of this assignment is to analyze two texts using a particular disciplinary or interdisciplinary perspective, while considering how different rhetorical choices affect delivery of content in different texts.

General Guidelines

- Formulate a specific **question or problem** you're investigating in two course texts.
- Compare how the question is treated in each text's **ways of knowing/evaluating**, their **purpose**, their intended **audience**, and their **method of delivery**.
- Carefully analyze specific, relevant passages from each work, presenting **evidence from the text** (by quoting and paraphrasing ideas and arguments).
- **Explain** in detail the texts' relevant ideas or arguments in order to demonstrate your nuanced grasp of the material.

Practical Requirements

- Use double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman or comparable font.
- Include your name, course info, date, paper title, page numbers, and proper citations.
- Proofread for typos, grammar, and spelling errors.