

PAPER TOPICS - INTRO ETHICS
DUE NOV 1st

What is required when my paper topic is due?

- 1 You must type up your paper topic and hand it in at the beginning of class. Please put your name and email address on your paper.
- 2 You must pick one of the topics listed on your "Sample Paper Topics" sheet or propose your own topic. If you propose your own topic know that I might not accept your proposal.
- 3 You must write a sample thesis statement for your topic.

Why are you requiring a paper topic?

I want to make sure your topic isn't too large in scope for this class. Additionally, I want to make sure you are picking sources relevant to the material for this class.

How is this different from my project plan?

Your project plan (due after your paper topic) will be a full outline of what you argue. I will provide you with more instruction on what is required for a project plan below.

EXAMPLES:

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I am choosing paper topic #2.

My thesis statement: I will argue that Bentham is right, and pleasure is the only good.

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I am choosing paper topic #1.

My thesis statement: I will argue that Hobbes's ethical egoism provides a more compelling argument for charity than Singer's utilitarianism.

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I am choosing my own adventure.

I will compare Kant and Utilitarianism on whether or not we are allowed to tell "white" lies (i.e., those lies that serve just to make someone feel good). I will show that Kant would not allow us to tell white lies and Bentham would. I will argue that Kant provides the better answer to the question (that we should not tell white lies).

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I am choosing paper topic four.

I will discuss Aristotle and Kant on pleasure and argue that we should feel good about doing the right thing. In arguing this, I will show that Aristotle has the superior ethical theory to Kant.