PHI 105
Introduction to Philosophy

Essay Proposal & Outline, Annotated Bibliography and Final Essay Details

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Essay Proposal & Outline.....10%

Due: 20 February 2018

The essay proposal will be an approximately 250 word summary consisting of: 1) what the topic of the paper will be, 2) what the paper will demonstrate, i.e., its argument, and 3) what the author's **critical** reaction to the material will be.

The outline portion of the proposal will consist of an **alphanumeric** outline that contains **all full sentences**. It will detail claims that will be made in the essay, how the essay will be structured and how sources are integrated. Further instructions and details will be provided in class on Thursday, 25 January.

Annotated Bibliography 10%

Due: 20 February 2018

The annotated bibliography will consist of at least five sources that will be used in the final research essay. These sources should include recent works from library texts (books and journal articles).* Bibliographical style may be chosen by the student (MLA, APA, Turabian or University of Chicago). Included with each citation must be a brief summary (50 words) of what is contained in the text along with an indication as to why the source is useful for the proposed research assignment.

- Two examples of annotated sources:

Morley, Sheridan. "Let It Rain." *The Spectator*, 1 Jul. 2000, 42.

> Includes a very brief review of *A Busy Day*. "*A Busy Day* is Fanny Burney's long-lost attempt to bridge the gap from Richard Brinsley Sheridan (who originally commissioned it exactly two centuries ago) to Oscar Wilde and although the bridge collapses all too fast, both Sarah Crowe and Stephanie Beacham give cascadingly funny performances in Jonathan Church's agile staging."

Lee, Rena. Agnon Vehatzimchanut [Agnon and Vegetarianism : Studies in the Work of Shai Agnon from the Vegetarian Viewpoint.] Tel Aviv: Reshafim Ltd., 1993. (Hebrew)

> Lee explores Agnon's vegetarianism throughout his work. Agnon, she writes, condones the slaughter of animals for the purpose of eating meat, as long as it is according to hilchot shechitah. Both Agnon and

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* Note that many journals are available from the Internet. These may be used. Websites that contain non-scholarly material, however, are not viewed as adequate sources for the research essay. For clarification regarding what sources are deemed "scholarly" or "non-scholarly," please consult either a librarian or me.

Rabbi A. I. Kook maintain that the restrictive laws of eating meat serve as an interim solution for the meat eating world, i.e. the least of evils of meat must be eaten. See his stories, Kissuy Ha'adam ("The Covering of the Blood"), Ad Hena ("Until Now"), Zivchey Metim ("Sacrifices of the Dead"), and Hachnasat Kallah ("The Bridal Canopy").

The Essay proposal & outline must be submitted on BlackBoard by using the link entitled, "Essay Proposal & Outline Submission Link." The Annotated bibliography must be submitted on BlackBoard by using the link entitled, "Annotated Bibliography Submission Link."

Final Essay 25%

First Draft Due: 13 March 2018 (10%)
Final Draft Due: 12 April 2018 (15%)

This 7-8 page (core-content), double-spaced, 12-point font, spell-checked, proofread, fully documented, well-organized research essay follows MLA, APA or Turabian/ University of Chicago format. A **complete** draft of the paper—not a "rough draft"—is due by class time on *Tuesday, 13 March 2018*. Late submissions of the first draft will not be accepted. The final draft is due no later than class time on Thursday, 12 April. Late editions will be penalized 5% of the paper grade for each day that the paper is late.

The philosophical research essay is a summary of information gained from library research. Topics are chosen by students and must reflect a solid **philosophical** understanding of the issue. Because the essay is short, students must retain a tight focus on one particular issue and present it in a clear, concise manner.

Grading for research essays will adhere to the criteria set forth in the "Essay Grading Rubric," which is available in the Assignments area in BlackBoard.

<u>Technical Notes</u>:

- The use of 1st and 2nd person ought never to be used in any assignment; i.e., no "I," "me" or "you" statements.
- All Assignments should be submitted in the Assignments area of BlackBoard. They will neither be accepted via e-mail nor as a hard copy.