

TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT
For Introduction to Philosophy (Phil. 1123)
and Ethics (Phil. 1133)
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ASSIGNMENT:

- **Length** - Five to ten pages
- **Objective** - to argue a Philosophical (Phil. 1123) or Ethical (Phil. 1133) Issue comprehensive of the text, handouts, and in-class discussions. This is not a paper discussing the different positions on the issue. You need to demonstrate you know the positions, but you must take a stand and argue it out.
- **Style** - Typed, double-spaced, in pt. 12 font, stapled, and free of grammatical and spelling errors.
- **Late papers** - see syllabus. Complete your paper early, and make several hard copies. I don't want to hear excuses about the printer being out of ink, or the computer breaking down the night before the paper is due.
- **References** - In most cases this will be a **RESEARCH** paper (Mr. Turner will discuss exceptions) and should demonstrate that research has been done. Reference at least five works. These should include at least one book (not your textbook) and one periodical. Use quality references, avoiding propaganda or opinions from blogs. Use MLA documentation. Information on MLA can be found in the library or a MLA manual (worth the investment) can be purchased in the book room. You can also use a search engine to find good sites explaining MLA.

FORMAT:

All papers must begin with a single, argumentative *thesis statement* (the conclusion of your argument). Write this thesis statement in **bold face print**. The rest of the paper should support the thesis with arguments. For Introduction to Philosophy the appendix at the back of your textbook (pp. 397-415) explains the process. You can use either a dialectic method or simply present your argument and explain why opposing views are wrong. The **Composition Evaluation Form** should also be a guide. This is the form your instructor will use to grade your essay.

At the end of the paper be sure to type out the following plagiarism statement and SIGN it.

<i>I hereby attest that this work is entirely my own, and that in its creation I have not violated the National Park Community College policy on Academic Honesty.</i>	
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<i>Your name</i>	<i>date</i>

Topics

Philosophy 1123 - Introduction to Philosophy - You can write on any philosophical issue discussed in your text or in class (See suggested list). All topics must be approved by your instructor.

Philosophy 1133 - Ethics - Any ethical issue that you feel strong enough about to take a stand on. This can be in the realm of theoretical ethics or applied ethics. If you have chosen a major and know your future profession consider picking an ethical issue related to that profession.